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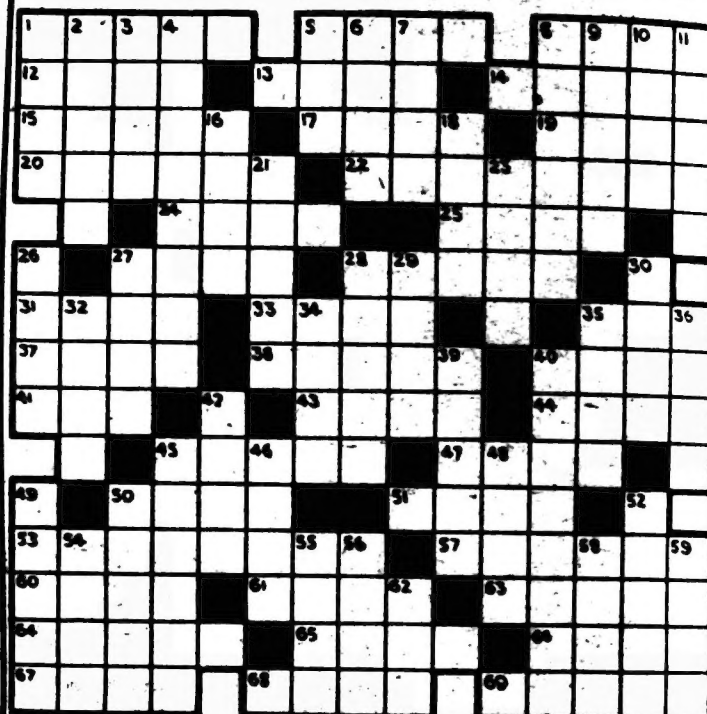
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CLUES ACROSS.

- 1 Force
- 5 High Mass
- 8 of Laud
- 8 Soaped water
- 12 Levy
- 13 Fashion
- 14 Cast
- 15 To prevent
- 17 Drawing
- 19 An ecclesiastic
- 20 One of a community
- 22 To weaken
- 24 A metal
- 25 Observed

CLUES DOWN.

- 1 Spirit measure
- 2 To untwist
- 3 A distinct particular
- 4 Profusion of words
- 5 To spring
- 6 Unemployed
- 7 Skinny
- 8 Hairless chin
- 9 Relating to a city
- 10 An obligation
- 11 Pleasant to the taste
- 16 An aquatic fowl
- 18 Bird's home
- 21 A sound-drel
- 23 Chain of rocks
- 26 Contrary current
- 27 Swallow whole
- 28 A game
- 29 Eastern country
- 30 Cleanse
- 32 A loud sound
- 34 A plague
- 35 Used in bowls
- 36 Submissive
- 39 African country
- 40 A vehicle
- 42 Bare
- 45 To procure
- 46 Behind
- 48 Possessive pronoun
- 49 Discoloured
- 50 Decelt
- 52 Province in Iraq
- 54 Not any
- 55 To push for
- 56 Comfort
- 58 A drop of liquid
- 59 Sarcastic grin
- 62 Moisture

The solution of our last week's Puzzle will be found on page 28.

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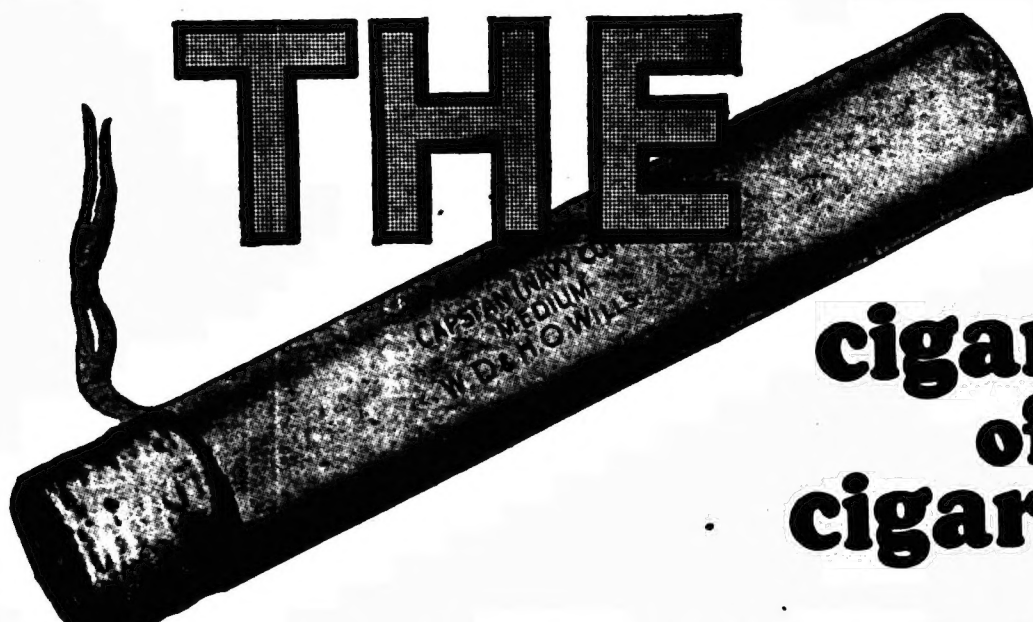


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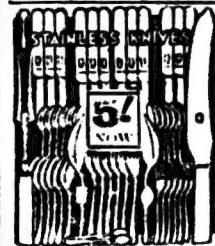
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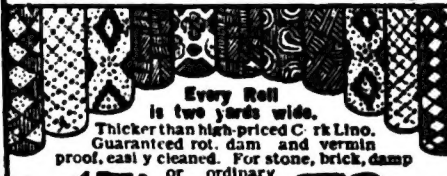
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So Much To Do.

Legislatively the urgent need of the Government is to strike out on new and bold lines. Any amount of big things cry out to be tackled.

Mind the Workshops.

The next thing on which the Cabinet must take care not to trip up is the Factories Bill promised for the autumn. It must make a firm stand.

Late Hours.

If, as argued, the Washington Eight Hours Convention needs a clearer understanding before it is ratified, why is the Government not speeding up the clarification? For meanwhile, in every country in the world, Britain gets the discredit of being the stumbling-block.

A Flash in the Pan.

The encouraging thing about the wretched Serbo-Albanian squabble is that all the Powers (even ambitious Italy) united to hush it up and shut it down. Europe is not nearly the powder magazine it was.

Counting Chickens.

One or two by-election successes bring optimistic forecasts of a sweeping Liberal victory next General Election. More likely is such an equal division of Parties that a Cabinet will only be formed with the utmost difficulty.

Jix Jubilant.

The Home Secretary is a bit premature in describing the expulsion of the Russians as "a dead snip" for the Conservative Party. The "Red Peril" won't succeed twice as an election stunt.

All Alone I Did It.

Speeches of other Conservative Ministers leave Jix alone on his self-congratulatory pedestal. Even the Solicitor-General pleads for happier and better relations between Great Britain and Russia, which shows how the business land lies.

C3 Milk.

The multiplication of grades of milk is said to be confusing and hampering farmers. It also confuses consumers. There should be only one grade of milk—clean, pure and rich.

The Secret.

When changes for the better are in question the cry of "Can't afford" doesn't hold water. All countries still have money to spend. Whether it is spent on war material or education and welfare is the only thing to decide.

British Hollywood.

The growth of film studios at Boreham Wood makes possible a larger population, and there also land speculators are laying plans. Land is now £1,500 per acre.

Worse Still.

According to the *Land News* in the same districts whole streets of new houses are springing up with no attempt whatever at town planning or preserving the beauties of Nature. Meanwhile we go from bad to worse in our whole land policy, and at no distant date we shall pay the price.

Savagery Revived.

That secret cock-fighting matches are taking place on Cumberland moors and elsewhere is no credit to our civilisation. It is time that youth had its playing-fields and learned to play with bats and balls instead of matching beaks and spurs to see a bird fall dead.

Get On With It.

Following the King's lead in a gift of playing-fields, the Carnegie trustees have given £200,000 to the National Appeal Fund. That the playing-field is absolutely necessary to child welfare is their decision. It is a sound one.

Girls Too!

Special provision, all over the country, is to be made for net-ball, tennis, hockey, and other games girls can play. It is dawning at last on the community that organised play is better than many lectures on morality. It begets it.

Better Farming.

Australia is busy with the most ambitious agricultural scheme in her history. "Commonwealth" really means common wealth in Australia. When we have the land it may mean it here.

The Good Attempt.

To save Hindhead's golden valley from ravages by the speculative builder, a fund is being raised in the locality. When working girls will give a day's wage, 3s. 6d., to help, it is a complete answer to the query, "Do working folk appreciate beauty?" They do!

Their Daily Risk.

One miner killed, one missing, and two others barely escaping with life was the story when the workings of Sachalland Colliery, Galston, caved in. The collier's life is always in danger, but that is not always remembered when wages are fixed.

Seeing for Himself.

To descend a pit twenty acres in extent and sinking to a depth of 400 ft. to watch slate quarrying in all its processes was included in the Prince of Wales's tour through King Arthur country. He won't spend all his life at banquets. He wants to see how workers live. It is the better choice.

Pow-wows.

At the Welsh National Council of the League of Nations Union this year German delegates were heard. If such meetings were repeated in every town in both countries it would rouse the people to their responsibility for keeping the peace of the world.

Poplar Progresses.

In the last twenty-five years infant mortality in Poplar, one of London's poorest boroughs, has fallen from 165 per 1,000 to 70. Dr. F. W. Alexander, medical officer for the district for thirty-four years, is the one to be congratulated.

The Nightmare.

Express highways in all directions with multiple-decked streets for pedestrians is one suggestion for solving London's traffic problem. We prefer to work for land at liberty and plenty of houses.

A Mere Child.

When the divorce suit of Dr. Eric Marcus McCausland, of Whetley, Oxford, was heard, it transpired that his wife, when first married, was only fifteen. Rich or poor, such youngsters are not suited to the tie. The age needs raising.

The Ruby Wedding.

Four couples, life neighbours, whose married lives aggregate 208 years, met at a celebration in Woodside Village, South Ayrshire. Congratulations to all the eight. They know a simple happiness not boasted by the smart set.

The Miracle.

When the White Star liner *Baltic* picked up from the German steamer *Faulkenstein* in mid ocean a flagged message, "Captain Jil, want medical help," Dr. Dryden Smillie set off in a small boat in a difficult choppy sea and gave aid. That's the right sort of international action.

"His Life Was Gentle."

To commemorate the late Alderman Abraham Barlow, Blackford Bridge Recreation Ground has been presented to the district. To perpetuate the happiness of the workers from whom he sprang is the best legacy that could be bequeathed by any man.

Wicked Profits.

More money is being made out of indecent literature and pictures than at any time in history. The police are exemplary in tracking offenders, but clean mindedness is the best safeguard. If there were no buyers there'd be no sales.

It Is Too Bad.

Unemployed miners of Chasefield have to walk five miles into Lichfield to sign on. We agree with Father Little, a local priest, that for old men who have toiled all their lives it is a crime. A room for the job must be found near at hand.

WIN THIS £3,000 PRIZE!

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The Pinch.

The need of the Church to-day is not young men whose only desire is to "swank in a dog collar and a clerical coat," declares the Bishop of Sheffield. We agree. And the Church will get men of the right type when it is prepared to offer them a living wage.

Light Loaves.

Why make loaves over an ounce short in weight and run the risk of being fined £10? Two bakers have lost that amount each, and in the case of Randolph Sidney Tidmarsh, of Chelsea, the inspector found thirty out of thirty-three loaves short. The sooner such delinquents learn not to spoil the ship for a ha'porth of tar, the better.

Fine Work.

More girls and women had a holiday last year through the efforts of the Factory Girls' Country Holiday Fund than in any year since 1914. Sad though it should be so, there are many workers who cannot have a holiday at all without financial help. We therefore congratulate the organisers and trust their appeal for funds will not be in vain.

Gloomy Hull.

Statistics show that Hull, partly due to the fog deposit brought down by the River Ouse, only receives half the sunshine of the average coast resort. We are glad that Mrs. Hatfield is doing something to counteract this in inducing the guardians to consider the establishment of a children's home outside the city, and hope that their thought will speedily turn to action.

Brute Hogs.

At an inquest held at Sutton on Harold Besant, a Cheam builder, it was stated that the motorists who knocked him down went off and left him lying mangled in the road. "I wish I had them here," said the coroner with righteous indignation. We would like to see them in the criminal dock. Failing that, we trust the thought of the dead man will harrow their hearts till their dying day.

We Say Overcrowding.

The Willesden magistrate who refused to grant an ejectment order in a case where five people lived in one room may have done so on the ground that they had nowhere else to go, but we strongly object to his statement that in these days such a condition was not one of overcrowding. Those who think that to live with four others in one room is decent in these or any other times had better go and try it.

Blind, but Helpful.

Nearly sixty years old and blind, John Brady, a basket-maker of the mining village of Tow Law, Durham, is not only going to take up a new life in Australia, but has financed a dozen other destitute folk from his district, including providing clothes for the men, women and children, to go with him. Full of determination to make good, his courage, vision and thought for others are such that a young man having eyes might envy.

Time for Action.

While gathering birds' eggs on the cliffs near Scarborough, Arthur Williams fell and was killed. Dr. B. G. Forman says that this was the fifth body he had carried up from the same place, and urged that it should be suggested to the Duchy of Lancaster that notices be put up and a fence erected outside the present path. The toll of victims, already too high, must not be increased, and we plead for immediate action.

A Sad Mother.

Her room "indescribably filthy," the children sleeping in soap-boxes like kittens, herself under the influence of drink every night, can we wonder that Mary Jane Warburton, a married woman, was sentenced at Warrington to six months' hard labour for the neglect of her children? But with their mother in prison, what hope is there that the kiddies, the innocent victims of her sad habits, will grow into healthy and happy citizens? Is this the best society can do?

Boys' Petition.

Boys of the thickly populated district of Cefn Mawr, Wrexham, have taken the bull by the horns and asked the local council to provide a recreation-ground. We are glad to add they have been sympathetically received. Should they get their wish and make good use of it without causing the councillors to regret their choice, Wrexham boys will do a good turn to other youngsters in other districts who may want to make a similar request.

Lend a Hand!

Constructed entirely by Boy Scouts, with materials bought from the proceeds of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides entertainments, an open-air swimming-bath has been built at Warlingham. Sixty-six feet long, thirty wide, and falling to a depth of seven feet, we can well believe that the 400 tons of earth required to be removed for the purpose took some doing. We can vouch with the inhabitants that the Warlingham Scouts have been living up to their motto, "Lend a hand."

On the Spot.

It was lucky that John David Moncur, of Hoxton, followed some youngsters on the towing-path of the Regent's Canal in order to keep an eye on them, for when a seven-year-old boy fell in, he dived after him. The drowning child clung to him, but Moncur, who is only twelve, was equal to the occasion and was able to effect a rescue. Forethought, pluck and the right knowledge are seldom found together in a boy of his age, and show he is worth teaching and encouraging.

Rent Ramping.

Mrs. Ann Coffey is a Wigan widow who knows a thing or two. When she had rented a house at 16s. 9d. per week she sub-let the individual rooms and drew £3 6s. 6d. Conscience may have exacted toll from Mrs. Coffey, but otherwise she was doing well. Unfortunately most of her sub-tenants had either five or six children, who had to pack themselves in a single room as best they could. Rent profiteering would soon come to an end if tenants sought the protection of the court.

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by E. R. THOMPSON, M.A.

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The carpenter turned upon him—for he and Mr. Gray had known each other in their youth—and said: "Look here, Billy Gray, what right have you to pitch into me? You are a rich man, true, but I knew you when you were nothing but a drummer!"

"Well," said Mr. Gray, "didn't I drum well, eh? Didn't I drum well?"

Mr. Gray was right, for there is no worse snobbery than that which looks down on anyone because of the work he does.

It is not the job that matters; it is the way the job is done.

NO work is degrading or ignoble unless the worker makes it so. The noblest job on earth can be dragged in the mire if it is done in an ignoble and grudging spirit.

The secret of success in any walk of life is, not infrequently, to concentrate all one's power and energy on doing one's job—no matter what it is—as though it was the only job in the world.

Sunday Kinemas.

The objection raised by the Hove Rest Day Association against the proposal to open Sunday kinemas is that "the pictures" would be a temptation to young people to abandon Sunday-schools. But as parents should have control in the matter of how the children spend Sunday, we think the protest should be overlooked in favour of the many people who have to frequent the streets because they have nowhere else to go.

Patients to Pay.

We think the London Hospital right in its decision to come into line with other hospitals that enquire into the social and financial position of would-be patients with a view to exacting payment on a sliding scale. The fact that the public realises that the burden of upkeep of such institutions cannot fall any longer on the rate-payers or on gifts from the minority is shown by the very few cases in which objections to payment are raised.

Nowhere To Go!

Mr. and Mrs. Flannagan, of Mason Street, Middlesbrough, are the parents of four bairns. What shelter they had was in a house "on the list" under the town's demolition scheme. They needed another, but could not get it because the father was out of work. Their troubles were added to when they were turned into the street from their Mason Street home and had nowhere to go. The housing responsibilities of corporations do not end when families in insanitary dwellings are turned out.

A Joyful Sign.

In the appeal for the establishment of a clinic for the early treatment and diagnosis of mental disorders is a joyful sign that Liverpool, at any rate, is waking up to one of the country's greatest needs. Mr. Stuart Deacon, the stipendiary magistrate, says that many of the criminal cases he had come across in the courts could have benefited by treatment in the early stages of mental defectiveness. How often have we reiterated that in such treatment rather than in prison lies the hope of reform! We wish the scheme every success.

Asking for Trouble.

Children who make a practice of teasing the weak-minded and cripples should be severely dealt with by their teachers and parents, and every self-respecting citizen should put a stop to this cruel behaviour whenever it is seen in our streets. When charged at Manchester with throwing a stone and fracturing the skull of a little girl, Thomas Morton, an aged cripple, pleaded that the youngsters plagued him to madness. Deformity should arouse pity, not derision, and it will be a sad day for the country when the one is substituted for the other.

The Jews Rejoice.

During jubilee celebrations at the East London Synagogue, when a tablet was unveiled to commemorate the forty years' ministry of the Rev. J. F. Stern, it was stated that stained-glass windows in the entrance-hall were the gift of many non-Jewish friends and fellow-workers who wished to mark their admiration of his life and character and public service. Mr. Stern is devoted to the welfare of his fellow-men in East London, and tries to help all, entirely irrespective of race or faith; and that, in a nutshell, is the only spirit of service able to save the world.

Shameless Effrontery.

A man may perhaps "assume a virtue if he has it not," but to pose deliberately as a hero to deceive and trap women puts him beyond the pale of decent life. And that, for three years, is where James Walter Bates, a young motor engineer, will be, behind prison bars, working out his sentence of penal servitude. By braggart posing as a V.C., he wooed young servant girls, offering marriage, and finally robbing them of money, jewellery and clothing. Bates meets his deserts, but there will be others, so long as girls are foolish enough to part with their property for nothing.

One Saves Four.

Mr. Lewis Garner, of Leicester, is a rescuer in a wholesale way, for which four persons whose canoe collapsed on the River Soar have reason to be grateful. While the man, his wife and two sons were struggling in the deep water, Mr. Garner chanced by, and immediately plunged in to their aid. One by one he brought them safely to shore, and all recovered after being medically treated. Such dauntless pluck is deserving of the highest commendation.

A Schoolgirl's Shame.

To be ordered from London and to keep out is the unique experience of Rosalie Allen, a sixteen-year-old girl, of Clarges Street, St. James's. This is the Marylebone's magistrate's alternative to more serious punishment, for Rosalie is unmanageable and out of control, and having a grievance against a man she destroyed and damaged his clothing and other property to the value of £250. Her mother promises to send her to school to Switzerland, but why was she not taught and controlled before? In nine cases out of ten where a child stands in the dock the parents or some other guardian is at fault.

A Mean Cad.

To choose the poorest men, young ex-soldiers and others on the "dole," for victims, was the disgraceful procedure of Edward Low, a fancy-goods salesman. In Liverpool he met Joseph Connor, and representing himself as doing an £80 weekly turnover, persuaded Connor to invest £20 in a partnership, and then decamped with the money. Banking on poor men because they could not afford to take steps to recover, Low bit once too often. Now he is himself bitten, and has gone to prison for six months, with hard labour. All the same, it's a pity poor men part with their money so easily. Investigation beforehand doesn't cost so much as carelessness.

Incredible Cruelty.

To make a horse move more quickly, a seventeen-year-old youth, named Thomas Bainbridge, of Howard Street, Tynemouth, hit upon the original idea of stabbing it in the side with a pitchfork! Five times he performed this operation, thereby inflicting severe wounds upon the unfortunate animal. Were the magistrates moved by this barbarity? Not unduly, it would seem, for they took the view that Bainbridge "had not realised what he was doing" and contented themselves with fining him at the rate of 4s. for each stab! Who can share their views? A normal child of seven would have known that such monstrous conduct was wrong.

Timely Loans.

One branch of the Central Employment Bureau for Women, which consists of a Loan Fund for enabling girls and women to make a start or keep going in a business or profession, strikes us as particularly useful. Take, for instance, the three girls whom financial losses at home would have deprived of their last year's training as medical students had it not been for a timely loan. No interest is charged and each case is considered on its individual merits. The fact that the only bad debts since 1910 is one of seven guineas shows the success of the scheme, which we think, if it could be extended, would be the saving of the careers of many men as well as women.

Not an Angel.

"An excellent nurse, but her private life will not bear examination," wrote a qualified medical man of Margaret Olivia Simpson, whom Newcastle magistrates have sent to prison for stealing £58 belonging to the committee of the Northern Women's Hospital. Simpson has taken post after post, even becoming matron at one hospital, and always using her uniform as a cloak for wickedness, fraud and wrong-doing. We agree with the magistrate, Mr. J. E. Scanlon, who said there must have been laxity. Surely there are good women enough for the job of nursing, without committees taking on a cheat without verifying testimonials.

Tempting the Young.

For tradespeople who set up gambling machines on their premises to encourage children to use them by actually offering to lend them money is a deliberate evil. Besides gambling, a habit which Mr. Freer, a Hull headmaster, declares is already rampant in the district, they are encouraging a worse habit of borrowing. Men who so treat youngsters deserve to be made an example of.

Servant Girl's Heroism.

Only sixteen, Mary Cecilia Knight was a domestic servant worth having. When her clothing caught fire, her one idea seemed to be to keep away from the children so that they shouldn't be burned. Such thoughts at such a time denote a genuine unselfishness that sometimes exists unnoticed in servants until too late. We hope this incident will remind mistresses to look out for and appreciate the quality in those who work for them.

Plague Spots.

Bogus manicuring establishments, where customers, attended by attractive young women, sit in curtained cubicles, and are served with whisky, vermouth and cocktails, prosper only for a time. Nellie May Henton, otherwise May Murray, had one in Millgate, Manchester. Now it is closed, and Nellie is serving four months in Strangeways Jail. Her fate may prove a warning to other women who run moral plague saloons.

Women Complain.

For the men's board of the Lock Hospital for Women, Harrow Road, calmly to allow eight members of the Ladies' Committee to resign and let the grounds for complaint drop is altogether arbitrary. On this, the second occasion, the ladies in question are not keeping silent. They claim that theirs is not the only complaint of the hospital management and that the L.C.C. has decreased its grant of £12,000 by £2,000 and propose to withdraw the balance next year. We think they have every right to demand enquiry.

An Absurd Law.

Because he allowed people to come to his shed to leave slips and transact bets, Albert Whitfield, of Newton Street, Shoreditch, has been fined £50 with £5 5s. costs for using it as a common betting-house. Had the postman called with letters or he had received telephone messages there, he would have been within the law and not chargeable. These differences appear to us to give an altogether unfair advantage to the man who is well enough off to set up offices and establish a telephone system. The way out is to make betting legal and treat it as any other business.

A Paris Puzzle.

A recent advertisement in a daily paper requested people who contemplated visiting Paris to write to a monomark for "an interesting programme." Application brings a multigraphed letter from "Frank," Rupert Street, Piccadilly, explaining that a "modest fee of 10s." will bring the advertised "programme." The mysterious "Frank" does not wish anyone to call at his office without giving warning by letter, and this stipulation, coupled with the fact that "Frank" is using a private monomark for commercial purposes, should prompt the public to be equally cautious.

Politeness for Punters.

When his account with a bookmaker named Edward Dennis showed a favourable balance of nearly £60, a Stockbridge reader received a polite epistle to the effect that N. Lawrence & Co., of Empire House, Regent Street, London, were now taking over the business. In a series of letters which followed the new concern showed equal politeness, and the client was assured that the question of his account was being considered. Since April 4, however, he has heard nothing, and, having been surfeited with polite promises, he would now welcome payment of his dues.

**"JOHN BULL" PAYS
103 MORE CHEQUES
TO REGISTERED READERS**

Problems of Life**The Best Helpers**

by the Rev. R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.

WHILE on a visit to California in the summer of 1921 I was introduced to the family of a fine old man, now deceased, whose proudest recollection used to be that he had saved by



Mr. Edgar Wallace

Robert Louis Stevenson in a time of adversity.

Whenever the old fellow signed his name it was his custom to add the words, "Friend of Robert Louis Stevenson."

I believe they were inscribed on his tombstone.

The story as told to me was that at this particular period

Stevenson was down and out in a strange land, depressed in spirit, starving, and already a hopeless victim of the incurable disease from which he ultimately died.

But for the unremitting kindness of his humble Californian neighbour he would probably not have survived long enough to accomplish the work on which his reputation chiefly rests.

STEVENSON was not one of those persons who, as Edgar Wallace says, are too mean-spirited to acknowledge an obligation.

He always gratefully affirmed that this man, so much his inferior in culture and ability, had helped him as much morally as materially. He had helped him to preserve his faith in human nature and in the beauty and joy of life.

Another, though much younger, friend of Robert Louis Stevenson has recently been staying with me, and he tells me that Stevenson made a further great spiritual advance years afterwards in Samoa owing to the natives' unquestioning trust in him and belief in his goodness.

Stevenson's words to my informant were, "I was ashamed not to be good; no choice was left to me."

He said this humorously, but he meant it to be regarded as true nevertheless.

The Samoans so loved and honoured him that the whole adult population of the island solemnly waited on him on one occasion to ask if they might have his permission to call him "Father."

The request so touched the slowly dying man that, on his own emphatic testimony, it gave him new ideals.

NO man ever put up a grander fight against weariness and pain than Stevenson. I wonder how much of his pluck he owed to the people who credited him with having it.

What an inspiring prayer was his:

"If I have faltered more or less
In my great task of happiness;
If beams from happy human eyes
Have moved me not; if morning skies,
Books, and my food, and summer rain
Knocked on my sullen heart in vain;
Lord, Thy most pointed pleasure take
And stab my spirit broad awake."

You can hardly do any man a better service than to take his nobler side for granted. Believe in it, make demands upon it, and you will seldom be disappointed.

DEAD VAMPIRE : AMAZING STORY

A DANGEROUS BLACKMAIL GANG

Where is Mr. "Osborne" ?

IS any action contemplated by Scotland Yard in regard to the extremely mysterious death of a pretty young woman of the underworld, whose lifeless body was recently discovered by a charwoman lying across a bed in a Soho boarding-house ?

In view of the unusual aspects of the case, we have taken the trouble of making one or two special enquiries, the result of which prompts us to suggest that a complete and exhaustive investigation should be undertaken at once, as a public duty, by the authorities.

For, when we trace the story back from that tragic discovery, we find that it is one of blackmail of the most despicable kind.

Terrible occupation

The dead woman was a parasite of the lowest order, who specialised, during the latter part of her life, in luring men into compromising situations for the ultimate purpose of blackmailing them relentlessly.

In this fell work she was aided by various male accomplices, and many of her associates were of evil repute.

At the time of her death she was known by the name of Smith, but at one time or another she has passed under various aliases, being known alternatively as Osborne and Wiltshire.

Her debut in the underworld may be traced to 1923, when she became the wife of a dashing young fellow named Harry Wiltshire, a person of many interesting attainments and many aliases, of whom we shall have more to say presently.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiltshire, as they were at first known, did not enjoy a peaceable union, and there is little doubt that the discord was due to the fact that the husband expected his newly-wedded wife to plunge forthwith into the practice of preying upon wealthy strangers.

A pitiful story

In the spring of 1926 she was arrested by a police officer who took her into custody on the charge of soliciting. At Marlborough Street Police Court she told a pitiful story, and, strange as it may seem, spared her husband any share of blame in the matter.

She merely declared that she had quarrelled with her husband and "didn't care," and, in these circumstances, when Harry Wiltshire appeared in court as the righteous and forgiving husband, offering to take her back, the law bestowed compassion upon her and she was bound over.

Having given a general impression of the manner in which his couple made their living, let us deal with one particular case of blackmail which led to the woman's tragic end.

One of her victims was a country

gentleman of means who, not knowing at the time that she was a member of a gang of blackmailers, had written her some foolish letters.

Through the medium of these documents, which were used as the "lever" to extract money from the victim, he was mulcted of substantial sums.

At last, however, he had the wisdom to consult a firm of private enquiry



Mrs. "Irene Osborne"

agents who shadowed, amongst others involved, Mrs. "Osborne."

The latter was now residing with her husband in apartments at Brixton, and as the result of continual observation she took flight.

In the name of "Mrs. Smith," she secured a room at the Soho boarding establishment where she died from the effects of poison administered that very same night and after she had been visited by a man whose identity has so far remained unestablished.

Who was that man ?

At the inquest her husband very indignantly denied that he was the midnight visitor, but he is perfectly aware of the particular blackmail coup in which she last figured, for he himself was not only in the company of the blackmailed victim, but was also seen by detectives in the act of receiving money from him !

Discreditable bargaining

One detective, indeed, was present in hiding at the country residence of the victim when both "Mr. and Mrs. Osborne" were engaged in a conversation concerning the value of the letters in question, and when they were bargaining on the cost of their destruction or return.

It is clear, therefore, that it is absurd for him to plead complete ignorance of the blackmailing affair, and surely it is only reasonable that he should be called upon to divulge everything that will throw any light upon the mystery.

And, in solving this mystery there is another problem that may well engage the attention of the authorities.

In the early days of their association a child was born to this black-

mailing couple, and prior to the events which led up to the woman's death the question of the child's whereabouts was a matter of great concern to a number of people.

Indeed, this child, who should be nearly three, has disappeared as completely as though the earth had opened and swallowed him.

Liar and cad

The circumstances of this amazing disappearance, on which no light has yet been thrown, demand the fullest investigation by Scotland Yard.

Mrs. "Osborne" has paid for her sins with her life, and if she could have assisted in the unravelling of the mystery that channel of information is closed for ever.

At the inquest the coroner said that the woman had died from cyanide of potassium poisoning, but that there was no evidence to show how that poison was taken.

Osborne was described in the coroner's court as a liar and a cad, and on the very day he gave evidence an order was served upon him for the maintenance of a child he had by another woman.

In fact, it is clear that several other luckless women were under his sway in much the same way as was the poor degraded creature who has now died after such a deplorable life of shame and sin.

What must be done

Is the man who clearly encompassed her ruin to remain unscathed, free to treat other women in the same way ?

Is he even to remain unpunished for the part which he has played in the blackmailing case which led to such a tragic climax ?

One woman with whom he lived swore that at one time he had in his possession a quantity of the poison from which his wife died, and, when questioned about it, she stated that he had it for preparing counterfeit money.

This particular woman, who was employed as a housemaid, also threw some further light on "Osborne's" character by swearing on her oath, at the inquest, that he had urged her to steal jewellery belonging to her employer.

It is manifest, too, that Osborne, at one time or another, has figured in police enquiries in connection with various forms of crime. For certain offences, indeed, he is no stranger to jail.

To sum up, we would state emphatically that the police are faced with three clear paths of duty.

They must trace the missing child ; they must bring Osborne to account for his misdeeds ; and they must use every endeavour to establish the identity of the man who visited Mrs. Osborne so quietly, and so suspiciously, on the night of her death.

Gush for Greenhorns

A Tempting Advertisement

IT is very pleasant after a despairing search for employment to come upon an announcement to the effect that "excellent money-making opportunities are constantly occurring," but it is not always wise to build your air castles before making the fullest investigation.

A gentleman recently discovered such an announcement in a weekly publication and wrote at once to Messrs. Green and Company, of 17, Church Lane, Hull, for particulars of the latter's "highly recommended method" of money-making.

The subsequent reply was sadly disappointing. Ernest Green and Co. (Principal, Ernest Green) turned out to be "stock and share brokers and option dealers in all marketable securities," and the "highly recommended method" was as follows :

After a smart rise

It appeared that the firm was about to open one of its "special fifteen days' speculative accounts" in certain shares, and, on "very reliable authority" by cable from its New York agents, it was apprised that the shares in question were on "the eve of a very smart rise."

Past deals, it was declared, had proved extremely profitable, and in one particular instance Green and Co. claimed to have secured a net profit for its clients of £1 for every £1 invested.

The present enquirer was informed that every £1 now invested would serve to cover five shares in the forthcoming operations, that the profits would be unlimited, and would be remitted to subscribers on the closing of each deal.

"You will find this one of the best and most profitable means to increase your income," the letter continued, "and thus we believe you will become a regular client and recommend to any friends interested."

Not philanthropists

An order form was enclosed with the letter and the applicant was urged to send his remittance per return as the offer was only open for seven days.

The bait, at first glance, is certainly very tempting, and people unversed in financial matters are quite likely to be impressed when a firm of "stock and share brokers" speaks of its New York agents and its inside information regarding the state of the stock and share market.

But very little reflection is needed in order to see that the proposition is absurd from beginning to end.

In the first place, brokers of repute and standing do not find it necessary to tout for custom in the way we have described, and in no circumstances would they dream of inserting such a misleading advertisement or withhold the nature of their business when advertising.

And only the voriest greenhorn would believe that anyone possessing certain knowledge of profitable investments would broadcast it for the benefit of the world at large.

MUDDLED ORDERS MYSTERY

GARAGE-KEEPERS WITH A GROUSE

Trouble with the Hack-saws

COMPLAINTS have been made during the past few months by small traders, in various parts of the country, who are extremely dissatisfied at the way in which they have been treated by a concern called the Mechanical Appliances Co., Ltd.

This company, which has its headquarters at Borough High Street, Southwark, London, S.E., specialises in motor-car and cycle accessories, and does a great deal of its business through touring representatives.

It is the practice of the representatives to offer their special lines at attractive prices.

The cause for dissatisfaction arises subsequently when orders come to be dealt with, and we cannot do better than cite the actual experience of a Mr. A. Herbert, of Station Road, Purton, near Swindon.

Mr. Herbert carries on business as a general and shoeing smith in the village of Purton, and in October last he was honoured with a visit from a traveller named Mr. Williams.

Surprise packet

The latter proved a most engaging spokesman, and succeeded in persuading the smith to sign an order for miscellaneous accessories, which he alleged amounted to 19s. 1d.

Eventually Mr. Herbert was staggered to receive a huge package containing articles to the value of £6 7s. 10d.

On examination he discovered that where he had ordered a quarter dozen flat files the company had supplied seventy-two, and where he had ordered a dozen hack-saw blades the company had sent a gross!

Other items had been similarly inflated, and to crown all, the package

was conspicuously labelled "Not returnable without permission."

Ignoring this notice, the indignant trader promptly returned the unwanted goods, and, after considerable correspondence, insult was added to injury in the form of a summons to attend Southwark County Court.

Extraordinary discrepancies

The case came before His Honour Judge Kershaw about six weeks back, on the same day as another action which the Mechanical Appliances Co., Ltd., brought against a Bath firm.

Like our Purton reader, the Bath firm complained that it was being pressed for payment in respect of goods in excess of the order actually given to the representative of the Mechanical Appliances Co., Ltd.

A corresponding item, it is interesting to note, referred to two gross of hack-saw blades, which had been delivered instead of a modest two dozen!

It is equally interesting to note that the representative was the same in each case, and this gentleman, Mr. Percy Allan Williams, stated in court that he had been employed in that capacity for twenty-one years.

The discrepancies, therefore, are all the more surprising.

In fact, His Honour Judge Kershaw declared that, after hearing the evidence for the defendants' witnesses, he had no hesitation in believing that they had never had any intention of ordering such a large quantity of extra goods.

He did not accept what had been written down upon the order form, and in these circumstances gave judgment for the defendants with costs.

When Mr. Herbert's case came up

an attempt was made on behalf of the Mechanical Appliances Co., Ltd., to convince the court that the company's system was unimpeachable.

His Honour Judge Kershaw, however, pointed out quite clearly that, however good the system might be, there was nothing to prevent an agent from writing down, he did not suggest with any fraudulent motive, more than the actual orders he received.

Mr. Williams he characterised as "a very good salesman," but added pointedly, "There is a line over which you ought not to go. In putting down these things you might have put down what you thought the customer had agreed to."

With these caustic comments His Honour gave judgment for our reader, with costs.

More queries

While the above cases clearly reflect with discredit on the Mechanical Appliances Co., Ltd., the fact remains that there are other small traders who have not fared so fortunately when pressed to settle their disputed accounts.

A year ago, for instance, a Mr. R. C. Humphries, who trades as a motor and cycle agent in Shaftesbury, Dorset, was summoned in the Southwark County Court.

This man's contention was that certain items in an order given to the same Mr. Williams, including a quantity of hacksaw blades, had been over supplied. In one instance he alleged he had received six dozen articles instead of six!

Three other Dorset traders were summoned on the same day, and in each case evidence of a similar nature was put forward by the defence.

His Honour the late Judge Granger



His Honour Judge Kershaw, who made some caustic comments in this case

remarked that it was the most extraordinary series of cases he had ever heard, but he was forced to give judgment against the four defendants because he could not conceive how a traveller could have muddled the orders as was alleged.

This point, however, is not the only difficult one to understand. What do Mr. Williams' employers think of the matter? On their own showing they admit that they have received "a couple of dozen" queries within the last six months.

Preferred to pay

When the fighting of a case involves a formidable journey from some remote place to London it will be understood how that numerous small traders who have found themselves in similar difficulties have preferred to pay the disputed amounts.

In presenting the foregoing facts to the public we trust we shall be instrumental in urging the Mechanical Appliances Co., Ltd., to put its house in order and to see that it is no longer involved in such unpleasant litigation.

E. A. ROBINSON—SLEUTH!

THE BALDERDASH BUREAU

IT is a well-known fact, the World of to-day consists of section of Persons (Male and Female) who are out to extort, to the uttermost and take advantage of him whose financial status make their unscrupulous efforts worth while."

The foregoing "effort" is from the pen of Mr. E. A. Robinson of Oxford. It is one of the opening paragraphs of a circular letter to undergraduates in which Mr. Robinson seeks to inaugurate "The Undergrads Service Bureau."

A noble object

He says he is prompted to do this by his ability, owing to his wide experience of the world, "to combat the unscrupulous and the many parasites who are ever on the look out for the unwary or indiscreet men of financial substance."

It is evident from Mr. Robinson's letter that his ability and wide

experience do not include a very sound knowledge of the principles of grammar.

Sample "services"

His assumption that the Oxford undergraduate is so ignorant that he will be impressed by long and high-sounding words shows, too, that Mr. Robinson's education does not seem to have benefited by rubbing shoulders with the world.

His clumsily-worded circular is an insult to the intelligence of those to whom it was addressed.

It is a curious assortment of "services" which Robinson, who styles himself "The Founder," offers to those whom he hopes to enrol as members of his "Bureau." The first is "to trace a wanted person without giving publicity (when desired) to the member."

This is followed by offers to arrange any business proposition (some offer this), to dispose of or

exchange anything, and to buy anything, from property downwards!

We do not know how many undergraduates there are at Oxford who want to trace persons, with or without publicity to themselves, but it is interesting to know that Mr. Robinson numbers among his many accomplishments that of a sleuth, and that although he is a sleuth he is also willing to arrange pleasure expeditions, business and private appointments and to look after members' requirements, financial or otherwise, during vacation.

Obliging banker

The next feature of his service is described as "To the bringing together of Two Kindred minds," from which he goes on to undertake the intervention in any unpleasant transaction in which the member does not wish to appear personally.

His final offer is to act as banker to members and oblige them with

small loans on signature without interest at any time up to 10 p.m. To bind all he promises secrecy.

A subscription of two guineas a year is the condition of membership, but in a postscript Mr. Robinson intimates that he is ready for immediate service.

Unpleasant check

This precious circular was followed up by a personal canvass of students to whom Mr. Robinson enlarged on the advantages of membership of his service bureau.

A monthly magazine, "embracing an exchange and mart," was to be published, which would contain the "Founder's" comments on the general progress of the movement.

We understand that when this gentleman's activities were brought to the notice of the University authorities, they put a check to them by placing Robinson's residence out of bounds.

JOHN BULL

A THIEF IN CLOVER

GRAVE CORPORATION SCANDAL

Peeping Tom Justice

WHEN theft and robbery are brought to notice, punishment for the offenders is expected. Deliberate bargaining on the part of a local authority which defeated this end is well-nigh incredible.

THERE have lately been a disquieting number of cases in which responsible employees of corporations and local government bodies have been guilty of robbing their employers, and, indirectly, of course, the ratepayers, whose money keeps them in their posts.

One of the most serious cases ever yet brought to our notice concerns the mysterious disappearance of a consignment of coke from the corporation gas works at Middleton, Lancashire.

Though the local police made endless enquiries they were unable to lay their hands on the thieves until a few weeks ago, when they received an anonymous postcard, signed "Ratepayer."

Dramatic sequel

This missive indicated how the thief, or thieves, might be discovered, and the other day saw a dramatic sequel when a man named James Hopwood, who is fifty-three years of age, and who has been in the employ of the corporation as foreman for twenty-two years, was placed in the dock at the Middleton Police Court.

Hopwood was charged specifically with having stolen a motor-wagon load of coke last Easter, and with having sold it for his own personal gain.

According to the evidence given, it would appear that another corporation employee, named Harry Heap, being a motor driver at the gasworks, conspired with Hopwood to supply a wagon load of coke to a coal dealer named Prestwood at Foxall Street, Rhodes, a nearby village.

Through the medium of Heap, the wagon load of coke was duly stolen from the gasworks and delivered to Mr. Prestwood's business premises as though it were being done in the ordinary course of official business.

Having substantiated these facts, the police reported the details to Mr. Walmesley, the Town Clerk of Middleton, but explained that they did not think that it would be possible to secure a conviction against Hopwood without the evidence of Heap!

Astounding action

The Corporation decided to take what the local ratepayers will agree was an astounding course of action.

In order to bring Hopwood to book it was decided that if Heap told the truth and agreed to give evidence against his colleague in crime, he would not only escape prosecution himself, but would still be permitted to retain his post at the gasworks!

One can scarcely believe such a thing to be true, but the facts are indisputable. The evidence of Heap is alone sufficient to prove that beyond doubt.

He admitted that he conspired with Hopwood, who was "in need of a little ready money for Easter," to get the load of coke out of the yard.

He admitted also that it was he who negotiated to supply the load to Prestwood, and that he had shared in the spoils.

He said quite candidly that he had agreed to tell the truth only on the understanding that he would be spared his job, and saved from prosecution!

Finally, he admitted that the load in question was not the only one that he had taken!

What does this mean? It means that Heap sold his foreman at the price of his employment; and we have only to state this fact in another way to grasp its fullest significance.

It means—and the Corporation of Middleton would do well to ponder on this point—that, while honest men are out of work, willing to give their services for next to nothing, an official bargain has been made with a thief to retain his!

Defeating justice

Is Heap a desirable person to be kept on the staff? Can it be wondered at, in the circumstances, that the local ratepayers have written to JOHN BULL with the request for an exposure of this astounding transaction.

We are only too happy to give the remarkable features of this case the widespread publicity they deserve, and in so doing, we should like to quote the opinion of the Middleton magistrates.

Those officials said quite plainly that they could not agree with the methods that had been adopted in this case.

They further emphatically declared that Hopwood should not have had to stand alone in the dock. Both Heap and Prestwood should have taken their places at his side.

And when they heard that Hopwood had served with the colours for seventeen years, and had fought in two wars, they bound him over, which, with Heap officially unscathed, was all they could do.

But is it surprising that justice should be defeated when authorities seek to enforce it by bargaining with the thief in an attempt to bring about the downfall of another!



Mr. A. N. Stewart Sandeman, M.P. for Middleton and Prestwich

LICKERMAN'S LAPSES

ALLITERATIVE ABRAHAM

A Quaint Mystery Man

SOMETHING is radically wrong with our alien laws when a foreigner can come here, impose upon genuine traders, and then fail to account for his misconduct. We are indeed a patient people!

ONE of the mysteries of London at the present moment, though the daily press knows nothing about it, concerns the remarkable bankruptcy of an individual known as "Abe the tailor," otherwise Mr. Abraham Lickerman, of Lower Marsh, Lambeth.

Lickerman came from Poland in 1903, but he has never bothered to make himself an "Englishman" by taking out naturalisation papers. He is therefore an alien still, liable to deportation if he commits any offence, however trifling, against the immigration laws of this country.

He has not, however, stooped to any trivial offence. He has committed the very despicable trick of imposing recklessly upon trusting traders in return for the hospitality that has been accorded him.

Gulling the public

A few years ago Lickerman opened three businesses—one at Limehouse, one at Lambeth and one at London Wall. It will be seen at once that he has a decided weakness for "L's," and we may add that this extends also to £ s. d.

Whatever kind of business Lickerman conducted at the outset, he has distinguished himself latterly by acting in a way which assuredly wins him a place in the band of alien traders who live upon honest members of the British public.

We have only to glance at the experience of a West End firm of clothiers to verify this fact. Believing Lickerman to be a straightforward trader this firm supplied him on credit with a valuable quantity of cloth.

Lickerman used this cloth for the making of ladies' costumes, as he catered chiefly for female clients. But he showed no reasonable inclination to pay for the materials and simply put the firm off with one excuse after another until it was forced to take the matter to court.

Up to the eyes in debt

Judgment was duly obtained against Lickerman for the amount claimed, but even then the champion of the "L's" did not offer to discharge his debt.

A receiving order was then applied for, and it was then discovered that Lickerman was up to his eyes in debt to others besides the clothiers.

At last he was forced to furnish the bankruptcy officers with a complete statement of his affairs and the amounts due to creditors.

The return lodged by Lickerman showed only small sums in most cases that were due to small traders. Big firms, who could afford to lose, were not conspicuous in the list.

In all, as Lickerman himself disclosed, he had duped different people to the extent of nearly £8,000.

Even the landlords of his three shops and some of his employees have been left unpaid. Thousands are due to people who have supplied him with materials.

The missing secret

Even the paper used to wrap up the finished costumes was obtained on credit.

At the time the receiving order was made against him in February this year Lickerman had nothing whatever in the bank, and, in fact, had overdrawn his account to the extent of £2 2s. 4d.

His only assets are an insurance policy on his own life, which has no surrender value, and a mortgage on the lease of certain property valued at about £200!

A great deal of secrecy surrounds Lickerman's methods of business, and his books contain no adequate information as to his transactions, having been very badly kept.

In the court, when a meeting of creditors was held last March, Lickerman was ordered to disclose certain information about his transactions.

Up to now, however, he has steadfastly refused to comply with this order, and at least twice since then he has deliberately held the court in contempt—an offence which in itself merits deportation.

We do not see why he should be permitted to evade his responsibilities in this impudent manner and the sooner he is made to explain his highly suspicious conduct the better for all concerned.

Amazing audacity

Another interesting pair of bankrupts are Albert Abraham and Michael Segall, who came here some years ago from Roumania, and latterly ran a business in Aldgate High Street, London, E.

In 1924 these gentlemen failed heavily, owing trusting British creditors the sum of £6,519! Up to the present time their "assets" have produced the magnificent sum of £17.

Despite the fact that they had also failed previously, they had the audacity to apply to the Bankruptcy Court a few days ago for their discharge which, had it been granted, would have enabled them to commence trading operations again.

The Official Receiver very properly opposed their application on the grounds that they had kept very unsatisfactory books; had failed to account satisfactorily for over £2,600 lost in trading, and because the authorities considered that their story of an alleged theft of £636 in Treasury notes was most unconvincing.

Our readers will agree that people of this type should be kept out of business for as long as is legally possible.

IMPUDENT RACING SWINDLE

CHEEKY CHARLIE THE CHEAT

"Certs" that Didn't Come Off

IN various parts of the country there are numerous people who have been very badly taken in by a coterie of racing sharps, whose impudent activities we have just subjected to investigation with remarkable results.

The experience of a Swansea gentleman, which is typical of many, will serve to illustrate the general features of the scheme.

Like so many people in these days, this gentleman was a victim of the housing shortage and was forced to make his home in a couple of rooms.

He was exceptionally anxious, therefore, to save sufficient money to enable him to purchase a house, and was constantly on the look-out for any spare-time employment that would help to swell his weekly stipend.

Outlining the scheme

Last November he answered an advertisement which appeared in a London paper, and which offered part-time employment to agents. He was full of hope and waited eagerly for a reply.

In due course he was favoured with a communication from an individual named Charles Mason, who wrote on elaborate notepaper from the impressive address of Regent Street, London, W.

Mr. Mason thanked our reader for his application and invited him to come to London for the purpose of personally discussing the proposition in question.

The Regal quadrant, to most Londoners, suggests wealth and stability, and it is easy to conceive how its impressiveness lent added assurance to our Swansea reader when he eventually came to town for the promised interview.

He found Mr. Charles Mason's headquarters located in three luxurious offices, and, once there, he was speedily put at his ease by that gentleman's undoubted charm of manner.

As he listened to Mr. Mason outlining his scheme, he began to see rosy prospects of purchasing his long-coveted house. It seemed that here, at last, was a chance of making some extra cash without encroaching very greatly upon his leisure moments.

Mr. Mason explained that he was in touch with a number of people who were able to get "exclusive information" regarding "certs" on the Turf, and, acting on their instructions, he desired a number of agents who would place bets for his office with local Turf accountants.

All he desired the Swansea gentleman to do was to open an account with a local bookmaker of standing and to carry out instructions that would be telegraphed from the Regent Street headquarters daily.

It was agreed that Mr. Mason would pay all the losses incurred, while his Swansea agent would be entitled to retain a tenth of all the winnings.

Disappointing "certs"

There would be no delay in getting his 10 per cent. as he could deduct it from the local bookmaker's cheque before sending the balance on to the London headquarters in Regent Street.

The luxuriousness of the Regent Street suite of offices and the extremely industrious and businesslike air of Mr. Mason eventually prevailed, and the Swansea applicant accepted the appointment and returned to his home in high spirits.

He duly opened an account locally and proceeded to execute the commissions which were telegraphed through to him almost daily.

On one occasion he was instructed to invest £5 each way on a horse named "Trentino" and another named "Ptolemais." But, far from winning, both horses finished far down the course, and subsequently a number of similar "certs" proved equally disappointing.

In the first week the agent earned no 10 per cent., but received instead an account from his bookmaker for nearly £20!

Raking in winnings

In accordance with the terms of his agency he promptly sent this account to Regent Street for settlement, but nothing happened. Mr. Mason simply ignored it, and has done the same in respect of several anxious letters which followed.

Last week the disappointed agent sought our advice, as the bookmaker was naturally pressing for his dues.

We very much fear he has little hope of drawing response from Mr. Mason, whose practice seems to be to rake in the winnings and to shrug his shoulders when called upon to disburse the losings.

We find upon enquiry that the offices at Regent Street were taken in the name of a lady named Goodson, who bears a character above reproach, but who sub-let it to a gentleman named Charles Francis Chapman.

The latter was the person actually running the business, being aided by one or two associates who only played a minor part in its affairs.

Neither Mr. Chapman nor Mr. Mason is to be found at Regent Street now, for apart from creditors



Charles Francis Chapman

who have been treated in much the same fashion as our Swansea reader, and who have lost sums ranging from small to large, the landlords obtained a distraint warrant in order to secure their rent.

The furniture was sold to an outside gentleman, who paid the landlords a certain sum, but the latter are now claiming for something like £60 which is still due.

In retirement

At present Mr. Chapman is staying at an address in Clauricarde Gardens, W., where he hopes to remain immune from the tiresome attention of creditors, who have been anxiously bombarding the Regent Street premises ever since they were vacated.

The Turf Guardian Society has received many complaints regarding Chapman's activities, and enquiries have also reached the police.

He is known as "Alphabetical Chapman" on account of his propensity for changing his Christian names, and in view of the above facts we would suggest that it would be advisable for him to mind his P's and Q's in the future.

A Girl's Living Hell

Six Years Among Insane Patients

CONSIDER the horror of six years spent in a mental home, every day and all day, every night and all night, in the company of insane persons, by a young woman who, though a permanent invalid, is believed to be perfectly sane.

Miss Rose Edith Curtis lived, prior to 1915, at Charlton Hawthorn, near Wincanton, Somerset. In that year she underwent an abdominal operation in Bristol Royal Infirmary. It was repeated, but she has been bed-ridden ever since.

She was sent from the hospital to Wincanton Infirmary, where she was kept until February, 1921.

Then one day, without warning, she was transferred to Wells Mental Hospital, where she is still detained.

Alone in the world

This poor girl is an orphan. Her only relative was an aunt living near Wincanton, but she has not heard of her for many years. She therefore knew no outside person to whom to appeal for protection.

Yet she found friends, kindly and disinterested visitors to the hospital, who noticed her and failed to see what she could have in common with the mental cases round her.

Two of these are Mr. W. Hailstone and Mr. J. Cooper, to whom we are indebted for the facts.

End the torture!

They have sought the help of influential persons to secure her release and her transference to some home more suited to her case, but so far in vain. Now Mr. Hailstone has asked us to give the facts to the public.

We have read some of Miss Curtis' letters to him. Simply and sensibly written, they certainly do not seem the letters of a mentally deficient.

This orphan girl is now aged twenty-six. She has been for six years in this mental hospital.

Is there not the possibility that a tragic blunder has been made, and if there has, a necessity that the torture should be ended?

Sea Captain's Suicide

Widow's Bitter Cup

FEW people will remain unmoved by the sad story of Mrs. Marshall and her two helpless children, yet the pensions authorities have somehow steeled themselves to resist the appeals for assistance.

Mrs. Marshall is the widow of a very gallant sea captain who displayed conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the Great War.

That such a truly splendid career should have ended disastrously in suicide is a dire tragedy.

Poignant tragedy

Yet that is the tragedy that Mrs. Marshall was called upon to face early in 1925, and it was made all the more poignant for her by the fact that she gave birth to a son within a month or two of her bereavement.

Left to battle alone in the world and to fend for a six-year-old daughter and infant son, Mrs. Marshall made application for a pension. Her plea was fruitless.

This refusal, we understand, is based on the grounds that Captain

Marshall's death did not follow until seven years after his war services.

From his earliest days Captain Marshall's record was one of progress.

Strenuous service

In 1916, the year of his marriage, he was commanding the s.s. *Risston*, which was torpedoed. The vessel which rescued Captain Marshall and his crew was subsequently chased by an enemy submarine, and in spite of his nerve-racked condition Marshall took over the command.

The exposure and anxiety entailed by this experience brought on a serious illness.

He did not leave the sea, however, and his devotion won him the rank of Lieut.-Commander in the R.N.R.

He took charge of H.M.S. *Wyncole*, armed convoy leader, and Admiral Alley has testified to his strenuous service and has declared that "he never spared himself."

He never spared himself in his country's service! Can nothing be done for his widow and children?

Candid Communications

*Outspoken Messages to Celebrities,
Notorieties and, occasionally, Nonentities*

**To the Rt. Hon. STANLEY BALDWIN, M.P.,
10, Downing Street, S.W.**

DEAR PRIME MINISTER,—You hope that many, now living in Dudley, will live to hear little children of Dudley ask their teachers, "What was the Black Country?" That is a hope every right-minded man must share. There is no reason for industry to be synonymous with devastating squalor, and you, as first Minister of the Crown, are in a position to prevent it. JOHN BULL.

**To Lady STEWART,
Bina Gardens, S.W.**

DEAR MADAM,—I agree that since the political responsibility of women is shortly to be increased it is important to recognise what problems most urgently need understanding. That these are primarily economic is a fact important for women to grasp. Therefore it is good hearing that all women attached to the National Council of Women Citizens' Associations have decided to put in the forefront of their programmes the study of political economy. JOHN BULL.

**To Mr. S. N. ROBERTS,
Governor, Armley Jail.**

DEAR SIR,—That is a very pleasant story of yours concerning a solicitor serving a sentence, whom, in your humanity, you released on parole to go to his mother's funeral. Due back at eight o'clock the same night, you found him punctually on the minute at the door, demanding admittance. The sense of honour is not always dead in a man, even, though he has made a bad blunder and must come under the law. JOHN BULL.

**To Mr. WILFRED RHODES,
County Cricketer, Yorkshire.**

DEAR WILFRED,—The county of broad acres has bred some splendid sportsmen, but never a finer than yourself. When your side was doing so badly against Lancashire, you defied the express deliveries of their swiftest bowler for over two hours, and scored 44. Considering that you wore an All-England cap before many present-day professionals were born, you are indeed a pattern of skill and grit. JOHN BULL.

**To Mr. J. H. DAIN,
Chief Constable, Norwich.**

DEAR SIR,—I thoroughly agree that the most striking characteristic of our Police Force is its close touch with the people. Here they are not the enemies, but friends of the poor. Happily, the public as a whole appreciates this aspect of the policeman's service. Good feeling is reciprocal, and your tribute to the force is welcomed and heartily endorsed by JOHN BULL.

**To Mr. TOM BURKE,
Tenor, Royal Opera House, Covent Garden.**

DEAR SIR,—Your fine performance as the Duke of Mantua in "Rigoletto" at the Royal Opera House upholds my contention that Britain can produce as great and artistic singers as any the Continent can boast. It is a scandal that home talent should be boycotted by producers, and I trust that your success will so rouse public opinion that the authorities will be compelled to sit up and take notice. JOHN BULL.

**To the Hon. Mr. Justice SANKEY,
Carmarthenshire Assizes.**

DEAR SIR,—It was a human action, instead of sentencing William Raymond Evans, a lad of eighteen, charged with breaking into premises and stealing, to take into consideration that he was a victim of sleepy sickness and merely bind him over. That the doctor who testified to his condition had no power to put him into some suitable place for treatment points to a grave defect in our social arrangements. JOHN BULL.

**To Herr ALFRED EKSTROM,
Berlin.**

DEAR SIR,—That electrification of rural areas on a large scale can be carried out on a commercial basis in these islands has long been my opinion. It has been done in Sweden by a company of which you were the manager for fifteen years. The company does not work on philanthropic lines, nor enjoy any subsidy. Why rural electrification is not carried out in this country is past the wisdom of a Solomon to decide. JOHN BULL.

**To Mrs. SEALEY,
Windsor Street, Redditch.**

DEAR MADAM,—Small wonder that your town is proud to do you honour, since you are its first centenarian for 127 years. Five generations attended your birthday party, including a daughter who has herself reached the ripe old age of eighty-three; and your descendants are said to be so numerous that few would care to count them. Hard work has been your lot, yet you are still hale and cheerful. May you remain the pride of Redditch for many years to come. JOHN BULL.

**To the CORONER'S JURY,
Guildhall, Beverley.**

GENTLEMEN,—At the inquest upon Aaron Dixon, a blacksmith, unfortunately knocked down and killed while cycling, you added a rider to your verdict of death by misadventure. This urges the Ministry of Transport to introduce legislation making it compulsory for pedal cyclists to use rear lights. I agree; but meanwhile, in the present state of our traffic, pedal cyclists who value life will surely not wait for legislation but use lights or red discs for their own protection. JOHN BULL.

**To An UNKNOWN MINER,
Tramping.**

DEAR SIR,—When accosted by a journalist on the outskirts of Leicester, you told how you had tramped from Hamilton, Scotland, and mentioned as your destination the Kent mine-fields, where you hoped to find work. The pity of it is that disappointment almost inevitably awaits you, as the officials have repeatedly given warning that many local colliers are unemployed. Your journey, however, will not have been in vain, since it gives the lie to those who would have us believe that you and your like are lazy won't-works. Good luck! JOHN BULL.

**To Mr. J. E. SPAGNOLETTI,
Bowden Green, Pangbourne, Berks.**

DEAR SIR,—Once again, in your reasoned plea for the consistent planting of trees on new roads, we have the illustration that the neglect of symmetry and beauty is against common-sense. Tree roots enforce the underbed of roads in the best possible manner, and that is why on railway and other embankments where there is tendency of slipping, trees and shrubs are planted to reinforce the earth. Where ill-considered road improvements have led to the blasting out of all roots foundations have been shattered and a large expenditure involved to get matters right. Let us have all our roads tree-lined. JOHN BULL.

Straight from the Shoulder

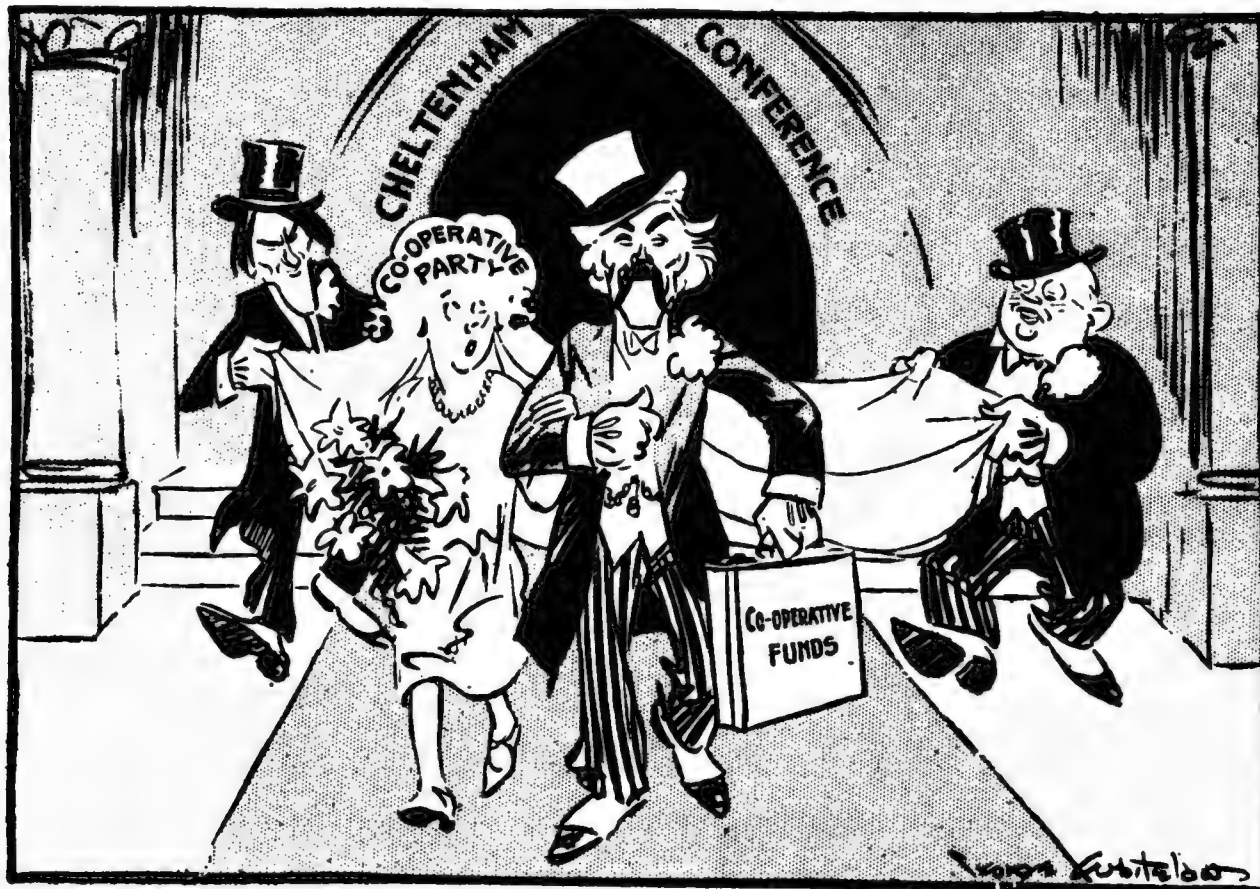
SIR SAMUEL HOARE :—"Long-distance flights are of great value; they stimulate progress."
And make friendship between nations so easy that further wars should be unthinkable.

SIR ARTHUR STEEL-MAITLAND :—"Trade is improving from day to day."
All the more pity that business methods are not improving to meet it in the same way.

SIR HUGH BELL :—"There ought to be no hostility between coalowner and coalminer, nor would be but for the politician and political trade unionist!"
Always supposing that conditions and wages were good enough to secure decent living.

DR. ANNIE BESANT :—"I am not very much in love with democracy at present."
In which case, being a member of it, it might be better to educate than criticise it.

MR. W. A. APPLETON :—"The past of trade unionism is interesting; the present perplexing; the future uncertain."
Whereas, with good leaders, both present and future could be assured of useful steady progress.



A MARRIAGE OF CONVENIENCE

THE Napoleon of the future, the all-conquering war-lord, is likely to be a cowardly, deformed and slovenly cad, organising devilry from his office-chair in a funk-hole as deep as hell! Yet there are those who still speak of the glory of war!

The Military Tattoo Scandal

by ESME WINGFIELD-STRATFORD, D.Sc., M.A.

MILITARY tattoos are now in full swing. For the thousands who see these functions, hundreds of thousands will be able to hear, and presumably to enjoy them, on the wireless.

There will be all the star turns—musical rides, fancy variations of drill, limbering and unlimbering of guns, banging of drums, skirling of pipes, and perhaps, to crown it all, some spectacular representation of war itself, only without anything harrowing or more distressing than a few nerve-shaking bangs—a veritable hell without tears.

With the growing up of a new and unblooded generation, such spectacles are becoming more and more popular. There is, in the words of the old song, magic in the drum. Unfortunately, this particular kind of magic happens to be more blighting and mischievous than ever emanated from the wand of the blackest legendary wizard.

All this drumming and blaring and playing at soldiers, what does it amount to but a very powerful mass suggestion that there is something specially romantic and patriotic investing the very idea of war and the preparation for war.

Civilisation's suicide

And yet, in spite of their militaristic effect upon the civilian, spectacles of this kind are calculated to excite the contempt and annoyance of no one more than the soldier who understands his job in the light of modern conditions.

For the spectacular warrior, the human animal who can be dressed up and trained by fear to perform all sorts of parade-ground tricks, whose glory is not to reason why but to react with machine-like accuracy to the word of command, is, in modern war, as extinct as the dodo.

The next war, or suicide of civilisation, if it comes, will certainly develop into a competition of mechanical devices for poisoning, burning, drowning, starving and blowing to pieces the enemy population without distinction of age or sex or between combatant and non-combatant. It will be the destruction of all things lovely and useful in fewer hours than they took centuries to construct.

It will be an inconceivably sordid, inglorious and unheroic business, as different as anyone can imagine from the kind of thing suggested by military pageants.

Like a thief in the night

In such work as this, the old military virtues will count for very little. No doubt multitudes of drilled and disciplined soldiers, glowing with patriotic ardour, will be driven up to be slaughtered, but they will no more affect the issue than the common cards at the old game of "Beggar my Neighbour."

Once things have settled down to the new conditions, the soldier will be safer, on the whole, inside a trench or behind a cannon, than the housewife in her probably foodless kitchen or the little child learning its alphabet.

If we cannot get rid of war, let us at least face the stark and sordid reality, and divest it, once and for all, of any pride, pomp and circumstance that may have attended it in more primitive social conditions.

So long, of course, as it is confined to the realms of make-believe, this military tomfoolery is no more harmful than any other brainless way of passing an idle hour. But the time may come when constant suggestion and travesty of the

facts may cause make-believe to be translated into grim earnest.

We know only too well how the supreme catastrophe may come upon us like a thief in the night. A grave situation is suddenly exploited by a press hungry for scoops, the national honour is supposed to be at stake, vital interests imperilled, and fear, the mother of cruelty, suggests to the crowd that unless we take a firm line now for our own or somebody else's rights, all sorts of fearful things are bound to happen to us.

Criminal lunacy

And then the military fever, with which we have been sedulously inoculated for years, sweeps over the land. Some fifty to a hundred million of selected foreigners are discovered to be devils incarnate; anyone who counsels peace, or even moderation, is hounded down as a traitor.

And in this mood the ultimatum is launched, the challenge accepted. There will be cheering, waving of flags, patriotic songs in the streets, until, within a few hours perhaps, the capital city is a vast shambles, rent with explosives and reeking with poison-gas, or until the flower of youth is beneath the soil, and starvation and anarchy stalk abroad through the land.

In that war it will matter little enough which side is supposed to get the best of it—all will be losers, and what will be lost is not only life, but all that for centuries has made life human and tolerable.

For God's sake, for our own and our children's sake, let us have an end of this criminal lunacy of glorifying war and presenting it shorn of its horrors.

Sowing the seed

This, I think, applies not only to tournaments and tattoos, but also, in some measure, to the films that, no doubt with sincerely patriotic intention, set out to show what the Great War was actually like.

Of course, they can do nothing of the sort. If they were to touch even the fringe of the real thing, if they were to show men dying, as men died then, in manifold agony, they would be scouted as too morbid and disgusting for exhibition.

Not so long ago I saw one of these films representing the heroic tragedy of Mons and the great retreat. It was at a little country town, and the cheaper seats were packed with children. Before the spectacle had proceeded very far it was only too evident that this, the Calvary of our old regular Army, was regarded in the light of a highly amusing entertainment, a sort of glorified football-match.

A German trooper is seen riding across the screen. An English soldier, hidden behind a hedge, shoots him neatly dead. This feat is greeted with delighted clapping and cheers. And so on throughout the performance. All the time impressions are being formed and desires sown that may ripen, some day, to terrible fruit.

I wish it had been possible for me to have taken a few of these same children on a motor-tour from which I have just returned, and which took me over some of the chief battlefields.

Never can I forget the impression left by those low and desolate ridges between Albert and Bapaume, with their ugly jerry-built villages that are rising to take the place of those battered out of existence by shell-fire, and, most conspicuous feature of all, the war cemeteries, with their countless white stones in rank and file, as if at



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some ghastly parade of the dead, so many of them bearing the pathetic inscription, "An unknown soldier, known unto God."

Pitiful procession

But neither God nor man knows in what respect this world is any the better for the sacrifice of all these bright and beautiful young lives, British, French and German, for the snapping of so many dear bonds of affection, for the agony that seems not even yet to have departed from this field of blood, this arena of what will surely go down to history as the most prolonged, the most obstinate, the most unimaginative and futile of all battles.

And now, at the end of it all, the survivors of victors and vanquished alike are left worse off, materially and spiritually, than they were before, and do not even seem to have learnt the obvious lesson of fleeing from war as the deadliest and most loathsome of plagues.

Perhaps, though, I was wrong in suggesting that military pageants are things altogether to be shunned by civilised peoples. Perhaps the trouble is that we have not carried the idea far enough, that what we want is a spectacle not less but more suggestive of the real thing.

Let us have a grand march past of widows, of orphans, of the unmarried mothers of war babies, of the blind, of the crippled. Let us enjoy the spectacle of men—or, for that matter, women and children—screaming in mortal agony, choking up their lungs with poison-gas, flopping about with gaping stomachs, men transfixed on bayonets, men seeing red and refusing quarter.

Tell the whole truth!

Show us houses smashed like eggshells, towns smoking beneath a trail of death, their inhabitants rushing about the streets stark mad with terror; show us people dying all around from lack of food; show us the bonds of civilisation snapped, all the fun and excitement of a red revolution.

Let the performance close, not with the massed hands and "God Save the King," but with the Last Post sounding over a measureless vista of graves. Let us, I say, have a military pageant, tattoo, or whatever you like to call it, with the sole proviso of its being military enough.

And if anyone, after seeing it, is so enamoured of the vision that he wants to realise it, then let him hasten the coming of the Day as best he can. No one, when that Day dawns, will be ungenerous enough to refuse him the post of honour in the forefront of the battle.



It is noticeable that a vast number of smokers are varying their daily smoke habit.

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Without Fear or Favour—by the Editor

A VERY BIG IDEA

REAL STATESMANSHIP AT LAST

Bravo, Lord Eustace Percy!

EVERYBODY has his moments of inspiration, and Lord Eustace Percy, President of the Board of Education, has certainly had his.

In conjunction with the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Minister of Education for Northern Ireland, he summoned a conference of local education authorities which was attended by some 600 representatives "to consider the question of providing instruction for children and young people in the aims and objects of the League of Nations."

The conference unanimously passed a resolution welcoming the steps that are being taken toward this end, and it is devoutly to be hoped that the work will be pushed forward with all speed towards a satisfactory conclusion.

TO most people it would seem incredible that such an eminently wise and statesmanlike proposal should meet with disapproval anywhere. In certain quarters it has met, not only with disapproval, but with cheap sarcasm and ridicule.

"The official report," says a daily paper, "does not tell us the cost of the conference, or whether the taxpayer or ratepayer foots the bill, but it is worth noting that the Board of Education was so proud of it last night that it sent its one foolscap sheet of news to the newspapers in magnificent cartridge-paper envelopes big enough to enclose a 20-page newspaper comfortably."

Incredible though it may seem, there are clearly people who have learnt nothing and who do not wish to learn anything.

Here is the most important and far-reaching step ever taken by a President of the Board of Education,

a step which for the first time is going to do something positive to build up a world of amicable relations and inculcate our growing citizens with the sound knowledge of international relations and the colossal importance of the work of the League of Nations.

All certain sections of the Press can find to say about this is that it is, in effect, an added burden on the taxpayer and the ratepayer!

Let us put by the side of this scoffing attitude a few facts.

Expenditure connected with war absorbs 63 per cent. of our total national expenditure. Of the remainder half of 1 per cent. is devoted to health services. Just over 1 per cent. is devoted to housing; education accounts for just over 5 per cent; old-age pensions take 4 per cent.; and pensions to widows and orphans again absorb only half of 1 per cent.

Comment is really unnecessary in the face of such staggering figures; but that 63 per cent. which we expend on war is wrung out of the taxpayer solely because in years gone by no one thought it worth while to train the growing child to realise that peace paid better than war.

IF the idea that has been launched by Lord Eustace Percy grows to fruition he will, no matter what else he may or may not have done, deserve a lasting place in the annals of his country. It is an idea with statesmanship "writ large" all over it.

He sent the news of it "in magnificent cartridge-paper envelopes." If these envelopes had also been inscribed with letters of gold we should not have protested.

THE EVIL OF CHILD LABOUR

KEEP THEM AT SCHOOL!

IT is good to hear, on the authority of the National Association of Head Teachers, that the whining schoolboy has disappeared, and that the time-honoured practice of "playing truant" is absolutely non-existent.

Children in this country like to go to school. They will even conceal small aches and pains rather than miss a day. And this, happily, is not because of dread of future punishment, but for real love of the institution of school.

The fact speaks volumes for modern methods and even more for the personality of teachers, too many of whom must still teach in unsuitable premises, and are very inadequately provided with tools.

This being so, we recommend to the Ministry of Education certain very sound objections which the head teachers themselves have formulated.

They object, for instance, to the attempts being made to reintroduce external examinations. So do we.

TO cram in knowledge by force is as cruel as forcible feeding and just about as beneficial to the unfortunate recipient. Mr. Saywell, in describing it as one of the wickedest systems ever imposed upon children, and as obsolete as the thumbscrew, speaks nothing but the truth.

The teachers do not want a return of those "terrible days when the noughts were on the children's slates and the crosses on their backs." The inspectors do not want them. Least of all do the parents, who, taken as a whole, have a livelier appreciation of real education

than ever before in our history, want them. Who, then, does?

We must face the fact that much of the industry of this country is still carried on by what, practically, may be described as child labour. What we have to guard against is the schools being regarded as forcing houses for such labour.

They must not be turned into manufactories of prematurely ripened minds enabling their owners for a few short years to perform a man's work at a child's wages.

THE teachers, those in charge of the great mass of the potential manhood and womanhood of the country, are prepared to resist such a conception of education to the utmost. So are we.

And, in view of the terrible unemployment problem, the increasing evil of the "dole," for which the ill-educated child is headed straightway, the Ministry of Education must prevent it. Education, if it is to be worthy of the name, is a slow process.

It aims at something more than turning a child into an efficient machine, able to obey orders with mechanical precision or add up correctly columns of figures. A real school sends out from its portals social beings, men and women trained as citizens; able not merely to earn their living, but to take a worthy part in their country's affairs.

That is why the teachers' objection to the school-leaving age is sound. It will be a national economy when it is raised.



The Rt. Hon. Lord Eustace Percy,
President of the Board of Education

SHADOWS! A New Crisis

TWO thousand men and boys are terminating contracts with the Durham pits. The Leicester miners are on short time all over the county. It is becoming more and more evident that the coal industry is in a very bad way.

We do not wish to play the part of alarmists, but nothing can be gained by blinking facts, and it is becoming as clear as crystal that the shadow of a new coal crisis is steadily looming.

It is no use instancing lack of trade as a reason for the terrible conditions that still exist in the coal-fields. This is a phrase which is merest camouflage for bad management.

Whilst the European coal industry is relying on big national organisation and scientific and power developments for domination of the world's markets, our own coal-owners are still pursuing the will-o'-the-wisp of longer hours and lower wages.

There are 200,000 British miners hopelessly and helplessly on the "dole," and these numbers are being added to week by week as depression steals back again over the industry.

It has been amply proved already that longer hours and lower wages cannot bring peace and prosperity to the mines.

Over and over again the taxpayer has paid for expert commissions to diagnose the disease from which the mining industry suffers and to indicate suitable remedies.

Again and again the taxpayer has seen his money thrown away and the reports of these commissions pigeon-holed and muddled and mess continue to reign in place of urgently needed reorganisation.

Unless the very basis of British industry is to fall into ruins the eternal problem of the mines must be tackled at once and tackled drastically.

We always urged on the Government that last year's settlement was far from final. It is becoming clear that it was no settlement at all.

We shall continue to urge action until the whole situation is overhauled and set straight.

5,000,000 People Tricked

by A. G. GARDINER

THE Labour Party, by a clever manoeuvre, has hitched a tremendous concourse to its van. But British democracy will never allow itself to be reduced to abject servitude



Mr. Alfred Barnes, M.P., Chairman Co-operative Party

IF the famous Rochdale Pioneers have not turned in their graves this week they must be sleeping very soundly. For something has happened to the great movement that they set going a century ago which would shock them if they are capable of being shocked.

It has lost its identity and its philosophy. It has ceased to be a vast voluntary self-help institution concerned with the production and distribution of commodities for the mutual benefit of its members, and has become an adjunct of a political Party which renounces voluntarism in all its forms and proposes to make co-operation in England as the Bolsheviks have made it in Russia.

There are few things we have taught the world of which we have more reason to be proud than the principle of co-operation. It is the principle of mutual effort and mutual aid in its most beneficent and practical form.

A proud achievement

It is the expression of democracy in its wisest and most tolerant mood. No man is forced to come in and all men are free to come in. Its membership is numbered by millions and its budget is that of a great State.

There are no limits that could be set to its potentialities, for it has hardly yet touched the fringe of the opportunities within its grasp. In certain directions it has not done what it might have done, and some countries which have borrowed the idea from us have bettered our example, notably in the sphere of agriculture.

But taken in the large, I repeat there is no achievement of the last century of which we have more reason to be proud or which has been productive of greater social benefits.

And at Cheltenham last week this vast enterprise was taken over, lock, stock and barrel, by a political Party. Its function henceforth is to provide fuel for the Party engine, to obey the crack of the Party whip and to endorse the Party programme. The fact that the Party is the Labour Party is irrelevant. Whatever the Party, the absurdity and injustice would have been the same.

Shameful exploiting

The essence of the co-operative movement is that it is above and outside Party. It includes all Parties and transcends all Parties, and to compel its members to become the tool of any Party is a betrayal of the most fundamental principle of its being.

No one pretends that all the members of the co-operative movement are political Labourists. Even if they were, it would be irrational to turn

an industrial business into a political business. But the co-operative members include every shade of political thought, and they are all to be dragooned and exploited for the Party's ends whether they approve of them or not.

This would be a misfortune not only to co-operation but to the nation, even if it had been done by the overwhelming verdict of those concerned. But so far from the verdict being overwhelming, there is every reason to believe that it misrepresents the true feeling of the majority of the members.

Take the facts. Delegates representing societies with 1,966,000 members voted for the resolution, and delegates representing 1,843,000 voted against—a narrow margin of little over 100,000 in a movement which numbers five millions. In addition, societies numbering a million members were not represented at all and therefore expressed no opinion.

But that is not all. Of the societies represented, only a microscopic fraction of the members had voted. The Liverpool society has 80,000 members; only 508 voted. In another case of 47,000 members, only 58 voted.

Democracy's disease

Indeed, the organisers of the ramp practically admitted that they had no mandate, for when, having passed their resolution by a bare majority, they were asked to submit the decision to a referendum, they refused.

That is the conception of liberty and democracy which these gentry practise. They organise a raid on an institution which is the property of 5,000,000 people and when challenged to take the decision of the electorate they flatly decline.

It is a foretaste of the kind of freedom we shall enjoy when the "dictatorship of the proletariat" is achieved.

Of course this is not the end. It is only the beginning. If it is a bad beginning the Co-operators have only themselves to blame. What we are witnessing in this case, as in the case of

some of the trade unions, is the real disease of democracy.

That disease is the inertia of the mass. It is this inertia that the extremists exploit. Of every thousand people they reckon that 999 will not take the trouble to defend their interests or their liberties. They organise the odd thousandths. They get them to the meetings, they capture the institution, and the 999's are driven like sheep to any pasture their masters choose.

Eighty thousand Liverpoolians are led by the nose by 508, and, as a result, a political Party takes over the co-operative movement and converts it into fuel for its political engine without a "by-your-leave" to its members.

The enemy within

It is the old story. Democracy is never destroyed from without. It can only be destroyed by itself—by the failure of democracy to be the guardian of its own liberties.

Many things follow, of course. You may trick 5,000,000 people into a trap. You may refuse to let them vote on whether they want to remain in the trap when caught. But you cannot permanently dragoon 5,000,000 people.

It is unthinkable that all the careless people who woke up the other morning to find that they had been harnessed to a political chariot driven from Eccleston Square will tolerate the outrage.

The storm within the movement has only begun, and it is not easy to forecast its course. What is happening at Leeds, where a definite split is foreshadowed, indicates one consequence that will follow.

It is not the consequence I personally hope for or look for. I do not want to see this magnificent movement shattered and disrupted. I want it to preserve its unity, recover its sanity, and get rid of the poison of politics which is so alien to its spirit.

I think it may be trusted to do that when it has had a short experience of what the ramp really means.

Secrecy that breeds suspicion is fatal to industry. Truth and candour alone can prove profitable to employers and employed alike

MANY concerns publish balance-sheets; many do not. Few balance-sheets are accessible to the workers, at any rate in a form understood of the workers. Even when a balance-sheet is apparently clear and straightforward, it leaves the worker who studies it with the quite sincere conviction that there is a "catch" in it somewhere.



Arnold Freeman Holt

The position employers usually take up is that the financial side of the business is no business of the people employed in it. That is a narrow view to take. It is not wise to leave out of one's consideration the actual cash value of the existence of friendly relations between the management and the managed.

There is an even more important argument in

favour of full and periodical statements from employers to employed than the necessity for the cultivation of the spirit of good will in industry.

None can afford to ignore the malign influence of the "curve" in industry; the alternations of "boom" and "slump" which hurt employers a little, and employed much, at almost regular intervals. These alternations are usually accepted as the work of some mysterious and inexorable economic law that cannot be evaded.

Yet, if there is one thing in industry that is becoming increasingly clear, it is that booms and slumps are not inevitable, and that secrecy in industry has at least as much to do with the creation of the serpentine curve as has any other.

THE cotton industry can be fitly taken as an illustration, because it is our greatest industry outside agriculture, because it has been hit heavily and often by the boom-slump alternations.

In this connection a new departure has been made by the great cotton firm of Tootal, Broadhurst, Lee & Co., and an interesting offer made by the chairman of the firm, Mr. Kenneth Lee, who is perhaps better known to the public as a member of the Coal Commission.

The Boome

The Monstrous Evil

by E. ROFFE THOMPSON

BRITISH justice is being dragged in the mire by those in whose hands it should be safest. It is small wonder that everywhere lawyers are the objects of derision and contempt

IN Magna Charta, that great charter of British liberties, it was stated that justice should be free and that it should be sold to no man.

Designed to put an end to terrible abuses some hundreds of years ago, it is doubtful whether abuses that have arisen since are not equally as bad, although they may be perpetrated in a perfectly decent and thoroughly legal manner.

At any rate, the *Times* could say bluntly in 1911, "Magna Charta notwithstanding, we sell justice and not cheaply."

To call our present legal system a public scandal is to use language not one bit too strong. That is not to say that the British system of administering justice is either corrupt or inefficient.

It is neither. Taken on the whole, it works extremely well, in the sense that our judges are scrupulously fair, completely unbiased and absolutely and entirely incorruptible.

Moreover, the British jury system, by which every man has the right to be tried by his peers, is as fair a system as could be devised.

But when you come to look into the difficulties with which an ordinary person is faced before he can secure a hearing before the court, when you gain some knowledge of the stranglehold that the lawyers have on litigants, it is plain that, fair and above board as our legal system may be, it is yet a public scandal.

Sacred precincts

Some of the industrial trade unions have a lot to learn in the matter of organisation and exclusiveness if they compare even their rigid and unreasonable rules with those of the lawyers' trade union.

Not that it is a trade union in the ordinary sense of the word. Oh dear no! That would indeed be giving the game away. But it is in practice, whatever it may be in theory.

It would be easier for an elephant to dance successfully on eggshells than for a man to become a member of this "trade union" without going through the mill, paying the requisite amount

of money, and wading laboriously through the number of years that must elapse before he can enter the sacred precincts.

If a wrong has been committed, it must be set right—that is an admirable maxim of British law. Unfortunately for the poor man, the law adds a postscript, which says, "And for setting this wrong right you must pay through the nose."

Matter of wonderment

Here is a case with a claim for £7 which came before the West London County Court. The law costs were £90! No wonder His Honour Judge Sturges said, "Damages £7, costs to date nearly £100! I wonder that anyone goes to law."

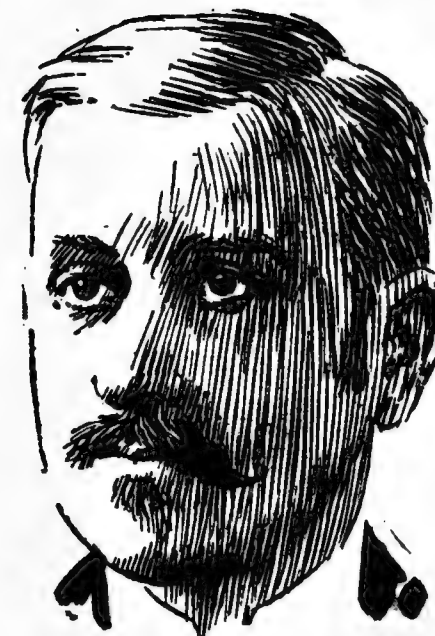
Or take another case, where there was a claim for £75. The law costs in this case amounted to £101, and Judge Crawford, before whom the case was tried, said: "This is a public scandal. Why cannot cases of this sort be tried in the county courts where about half or one-third of the costs would be incurred?"

But these two cases are flea-bites compared with a case which came before the High Court, in which the claim was for £27, while the law costs amounted to £897. Small wonder that Sir Francis Newbolt, in giving judgment, said: "Such a case as this must shock the public conscience."

There was a case at the Norwich Assizes where legal fees amounted to over six times the amount in dispute. The parties differed over the sum of £154. The legal costs were £1,000, and Mr. Justice Sankey said: "To tell the truth, I am ashamed of this case. As a lawyer I am sorry for both parties. It is shameful litigation and almost makes me ashamed of the law. It shows how costs can be piled up."

JOHN BULL has many times exposed the activities of share swindlers. Sometimes the swindler cannot be caught because he has wisely left the country before his victims can find him.

But supposing his victims can find him before he leaves the country. What then? Naturally, it would be supposed that they would take the



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remedy the law allows and sue him for the return of their money. They could do so, of course, but if they are wise they will not.

A monstrous system

Mr. W. Smithers, M.P., who has interested himself actively in pressing the Board of Trade to curtail the operations of share-pushers, quoted a short time ago a letter he received from a solicitor who had had forty years' experience of share swindlers, saying that it was one of the most trying experiences of a lawyer to have to tell his client:

"Yes, you have been cheated. You have a very good case, but unless you have £1,000 or so to spend on costs, you must submit to be robbed. You have lost, say, £500, but that is nothing to what you will have to pay out before you can get to the judge. Better grin and bear it."

That is a nice situation, isn't it? Yet in this country justice must be free and must not be sold to any man!

Let us call one more judge to witness. Not so long ago Mr. Justice Astbury had before him a case concerning a will, in which, though the estate consisted of merely three small cottages and £40 in cash, the costs amounted to £135.

Mr. Justice Astbury made one comment only on the case—the one word "Monstrous!" So it was, and so it is. For monstrous though the system is, monstrous it remains.

Stinging indictment

I do not know how this country compares with others in the iniquity of its law costs, in the success of its legal profession in dipping their hands into their clients' pockets; but I do know that, unlike every other country in the world, England has no Minister of Justice.

There is no one to whom an aggrieved person can turn to obtain redress. Surely, it would be to the benefit of the people to establish a Minister of Justice, who would be a layman with complete power to investigate all such cases as those I have quoted.

There is no greater danger to the community than even a suspicion that justice is being degraded. There can be no greater evil than to convince men and women that there is truth in the bitter adage, "One law for the rich, another for the poor."

"Magna Charta notwithstanding, we sell justice, and not cheaply," said the *Times*. That is a terrible and stinging indictment of a nation that prides itself above all else on its judicial system. It is time, indeed, that such a national danger and a disgrace were ended.

erang Boom

by ARNOLD FREEMAN HOLT

The offer is that, under proper conditions, the firm will go further than it has already done and supply figures showing its rate of production, stock of finished goods, percentage of orders on hand compared with a given period, and so on, in the belief that if all the facts were known work-people and shareholders would alike benefit.

IN all industries lack of exact and detailed knowledge of the economic position makes it more difficult to fix a fair standard of wages and makes it practically impossible to fix the right standard of wages at the right time.

The italicised words may make the average worker smile. He says and believes that the right time to raise wages is any old time and that the right time to drop wages is no time; and yet the raising or lowering of wages at the right moment is a matter of tremendous importance.

Most of us know how increases are usually gained, because most of us have had some.

The employees in, say, the cotton industry find that trade is moving; production is being speeded up; there is no shortage of work; no waiting for warps. The "spurt" develops into a "boom." Big profits are made and distributed,

and the cotton operatives begin to ask their union leaders where they come in.

So a demand for a share in the prosperity in the form of an increase of wages is framed, put forward, and, after prolonged negotiations, granted. And then in a little while the "boom" slips downhill into a "slump," and unemployment or under-employment for the workers follows.

With the present system any wage increases are so delayed that when given the peak of the boom has been reached, or even passed.

Then, again, it is when industry is reaching the very depths of depression that employers demand—or succeed in securing—a decrease in wages. At such periods the employers are quite willing to take the workers into their confidence and ask for their co-operation, but it is not surprising that such lop-sided confidences and co-operation are refused.

THERE would be better feeling throughout industry and more and better work done if the people employed in each branch of industry were taken into the confidence of their employers at regular intervals as is done in the case of a few—far too few—concerns now.

RHEUMATISM

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HANGING'S TOO GOOD! YOUNG LIVES RUINED A Staggering Report

IT is an appalling fact that sexual offences are not decreasing in this country as much as they should do.

Other forms of crime are on the decrease, but with the exception of sexual offences with violence, the official figures regarding other sexual offences are most disturbing.

The tragedy is that it is the young life of the nation which is involved. And what a tragedy it is!

The official figures cannot be relied upon to give any real indication of the true state of affairs, for a practice has grown up in our courts of reducing the serious charges to less serious ones.

Scores of such offences are committed which never reach our courts.

An alarming report

A daughter subject to the immoral attentions of a degenerate father is naturally loathe to make the matter public. The welfare of the family would be at stake if the breadwinner were to receive his deserts.

Hundreds of cases of assaults on children are yearly investigated by the police, but the story told by the child cannot be corroborated and the matter is thus allowed to drop.

There are, unfortunately, therefore ample grounds for viewing the position with the deepest concern, and in 1924 the Home Secretary appointed a departmental committee to collect information and to take evidence on the subject. Its report reveals a very sorry state of affairs.

A stray question asked in the House of Commons the other day reminded the public that there was such a report in existence.

The Home Secretary's reply was orthodox, and given in the best front bench manner: "The more important recommendations could not be carried into effect without legislation."

Unsatisfactory law

Is nothing, therefore, going to be done?

True, the law needs alteration and legislation will be necessary, for as the law stands at present it is all in favour of the sex delinquent.

Take the case of a brute convicted in June, 1924, of an indecent assault on a little child of four years and for which he was given twelve months' hard labour.

In March, 1922, he was charged with similar offences on two little girls of five and seven respectively.

In June, 1923, he was again charged with an offence against an infant of three years, and in July and November of the same year he was charged with indecently assaulting two little mites of six and three and a half.

He was not convicted until he had been charged the sixth time—lack of corroboration of the evidence of the other children had made him a free man to continue his beastly practices, until he was discovered committing the offence in circumstances which furnished corroboration.

A most serious element is the namby-pamby treatment frequently meted out to some of these beasts. Only the other day a man, Harry Arbos, of Bury St. Edmunds, lured a little girl into a wood and outraged her. The jury was only seven minutes in finding him guilty and he was sentenced to nine months' hard labour.

But the astounding fact came out at the trial that Arbos had been convicted of a similar offence in a



Mrs. C. D. Rackham, J.P., a prominent member of the Departmental Committee and a well-known social worker

park in 1915 and had then been merely bound over and ordered to keep out of the park for twelve months!

In no other form of crime is the percentage of acquittals amongst guilty persons so high, and it all revolves around the question of corroboration. The law as it stands demands corroboration of a child's unsworn evidence.

The committee rightly recommends that a more intelligent investigation should be made by magistrates of each child witness, and that, wherever justifiable, the evidence of a child, irrespective of age, who can tell a connected story, shall be taken upon oath.

Painful ordeals

The experience of young children in these matters is heartrending. Apart from the effect of the actual offence, which may have severely affected them physically, in order to bring their assailant to justice, they are obliged sometimes to repeat the sordid details of their painful experience some four or five times.

Their story has to be told, in the first instance, to a police officer and they have to submit to medical examination by a male practitioner.

The committee suggests that the evidence of the child should be taken by a woman, that medical examination should be made by a woman doctor, and that oral evidence by a child should be abolished so far as the Grand Jury is concerned.

The evidence given before the com-

mittee regarding the question of age of consent was most tragic. The number of girls who begin to lead immoral lives at sixteen is large.

At this age they are little more than children, and though there may be cases of girls of sixteen who are forward physically and sexually precocious, they certainly should not be held fully responsible for their misdeeds.

This is the view of the committee, and it recommends that the age of consent be raised to seventeen years.

Prison useless

No right-minded citizen will cavil at this, but why not make it twenty-one and be done with it?

The offender in sexual cases is to be found in all conditions of life. He is not confined to what is generally known as the criminal class. Educated men of good standing are frequently convicted of such offences.

And it is notorious that in one particular class of these offences prison has been found to be useless as a deterrent.

A case of a man who had received fifty convictions is on record, but the law prohibited him from being classed as a mental defective.

In another case a man had been persistently perpetrating his bestiality since 1906 and it was not until 1924 that he was certified as insane. He had received ten terms of imprisonment and had even received fifteen strokes with the cat.

A further instance was brought before the committee of a man who had received thirteen terms of imprisonment and a whipping, but this man is apparently still uncertified.

A social menace

A third case is on record of a man on whom an order under the Mental Deficiency Act was made in 1923, and who had been carrying on his outrageous practices since as far back as 1888. He had been arrested sixteen times and had received nine strokes with the birch.

What can be said of our law which gives freedom to individuals of this character? If they cannot be certified by law, it is about time that the law was altered. They are a menace to our children and there are hundreds of these pests frequenting our streets and parks.

This is one of the most urgent of our social problems, and the committee had recommended that offenders should be remanded for medical examination and that a mental expert should be available at each court.

The fringe of the subject has only been touched upon, but surely the whole question shrieks for sane legislation.

A Government which does not put in the forefront of its programme the well-being of the young life of the nation, stands condemned in the eyes of all right-thinking men and women.

A HELL ON WHEELS

SERIOUS RAILWAY SCANDAL

Worse than Belgium!

WE have received a plethora of complaints from firms of meat salesmen, cattle dealers and others in similar lines of business regarding the losses due to the carelessness shown by the railway companies in the transport of live stock.

There is a thoroughly mercenary side to these grievances, yet, at the same time, there is an overwhelming humanitarian side. Markets are lost through delay in transit; but, again, poor helpless beasts suffer indescribable agonies for the same reason.

A lost herd

An important firm of salesmen in Birmingham informs us that consignments of cattle that arrived prior to the grouping of the railway companies in twelve hours after leaving the place of despatch now take from forty-eight to sixty hours.

Consignments from within a forty-mile radius which formerly arrived in six hours now frequently take up forty-eight hours.

Imagine the crowded horde of beasts standing heads and tails together, dropping from fatigue, only to be trampled upon by their tired and nervous companions.

A striking example of the slackness and lack of organisation which characterises the railways of to-day occurred in the case of a truck of pigs consigned from Ely to Birmingham, a total distance of 110 miles.

These pigs were loaded on a Saturday at 10.30 a.m. At 5.5 p.m. on Monday every endeavour was made to trace them without avail.

Then, someone suddenly remembered that these pigs had been fed on Sunday in the Leicester sidings and at the time of the enquiry had been resting in the sidings at Birmingham. At 6.30 they were delivered to their destination.

Crass carelessness

All this seems to point to the fact that live stock receives as much care on that special line as an inanimate cargo of coal.

After all, certain railway companies know as well as we do that they have been mulcted in rather severe amounts for crass carelessness. Unfortunately the Transit of Animals Order of 1927 does not provide for the prosecution of a railway company for delay.

That, of course, is nothing in the favour of the men who framed the order. Yet there are other ways in which companies have been found out and punished.

Overcrowding is, perhaps, the most common, and the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has been successful in many cases of this nature.

One does not wish to argue with the findings of any court, but a case which the above society brought against a railway company that



The Rt. Hon. Walter Guinness, M.P., Minister of Agriculture, whose attention we direct to the startling facts here narrated.

allowed fifteen ponies to be herded into a single truck was dismissed.

However, it has triumphed in many others, and, in passing, it may be mentioned that that terrible massacre of live things, the Irish poultry traffic, has become quite humane, due to its efforts.

Well-deserved fines

Yet we may inveigh at the Irish traffic and forget that not so long ago it was found that 510 English turkeys had been brutally incarcerated in a truck for delivery to London.

Christmas festivities might lose a whit of their jollity were we to remember that a large number of that five hundred odd turkeys arrived dead and dying.

For a long time poultry has been considered popularly as of too low a form of life to warrant any care at all.

A certain railway company, nevertheless, was surprised to find that it owed a court a considerable sum of money in fines for allowing a consignment of hens to travel without food and water.

Another had to pay ten guineas for overcrowding ducks.

The most recent penalty and heaviest for overcrowding poultry was imposed upon the Great Western Railway Company when it was fined £60 on two summonses for overcrowding poultry.

Fleishish cruelty

There are many other ways in which animals have met an early death—early because the pitiable creatures are on their way to the slaughter-house.

Picture a load of pigs crowded into a truck, comfortable enough for pigs in the eyes of modern business. They are standing side by side, wondering what on earth these hours of shaking and jolting prelude.

Perhaps some of them, wearied to death of it all—because even

pigs have feelings—sink on to the battened floor. They cannot rise again; the herd presses upon them with its combined fear and strength. At last the journey ends, but what an ending!

Most of them are burnt through by the lime upon the floor that some conscienceless cad has forgotten to slake. Forty-eight hours, may be, with something eating, painfully like cancer, into the skin!

Official ignorance

The R.S.P.C.A. prosecuted in this case and lost.

A company which has lost its identity owing to the grouping of the railways was once fined £100 for overcrowding a herd of sheep. Not so long ago there was a fine of £6 imposed for a similar crime.

But travelling for animals at the best of times is such an unsatisfactory business that when a company infringes the somewhat inadequate laws one finds that the torture of animals becomes refined, subtle and highly varied.

A milch cow, for instance. Poor beast, bred through generations to produce an almost unnatural quantity of milk, it may require milking three times a day.

Through the negligence of the railway companies, it is cooped in a cattle-truck for forty-eight hours without being milked. The pains of hell are nothing compared to the suffering of that cow.

Animals purchased in Rugby can be delivered in Birmingham in three or four hours. If put on rail they do not arrive until next morning, although both places are only about thirty miles apart.

Britain's mote

Another terrible experience awaiting live stock at most stations is the ignorance of the railway staffs regarding loading and unloading.

Many a railway servant in charge of cattle sidings does not know how to get a beast which is "down" in a truck on to its feet again.

Suckling calves and lambs straight from their mothers are offered hay as food.

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In Sunshine Ward
by PHILIP INMAN

A TRAGIC TRIANGLE

IT was an accident which led to the discovery. A letter arrived at the hospital addressed to a Mr. Robinson, and it was handed to a patient of that name who for six weeks had occupied No. 7 bed in the Sylvester Ward. I did not see him read it, but I saw him just afterwards. The missive, whatever its contents, had strangely upset him.

"What does this mean?" he cried excitedly. "Somebody is playing a trick on me—a dirty trick—and it isn't fair when a man's ill."

For a few minutes he quivered with excitement, and he was only subdued by a violent fit of coughing which shook him from head to foot, and left him completely exhausted.

A few minutes later, when he had recovered a little, he handed the letter back, saying very quietly, "There's some mistake, this isn't mine."

As a result the records were searched, and it was discovered that a patient of the same name had been admitted to the hospital the day before. To him the letter was taken, and he at once claimed it. "Yes," he said angrily, "it's mine all right, but who's been tampering with it? Tell me that."

Dramatic discovery

When he heard the explanation his anger vanished, and he said, "That's all right, accidents will happen." And the incident appeared to be closed.

It was a day or two later when this man asked casually, "How is my namesake getting on?" He was told that he was in a bad way, and that there seemed little chance of his recovery. "That's a pity," went on Robinson No. 2, "where's he come from?" And a place was mentioned not far from Bristol. A half-afraid look came into that man's eyes. "Bristol," he echoed.

"And what's his Christian name; do you happen to know?" The word "Ebenezer" had scarcely been spoken before this patient uttered a deep groan. "Ebenezer," he cried excitedly, "what's

THERE can be no feeling of bitterness or revenge when the end approaches. Even when one has experienced the most grievous wrong, forgiveness nearly always wins at last. And what tremendous effect that has on those who are concerned!

he like—a little thick-set man with a bushy moustache and a scar on his face?" I remembered that scar particularly. I had often talked with "No. 7 Sylvester" and one day I called attention to it. "A wartime souvenir," he had replied, "Festubert, May, 1915, and it always shows up when I am off colour."

So I told this enquirer that Ebenezer Robinson was even as he had described him. "My God," he murmured. "Him in here. My God!"

A soul laid bare

And so the long arm of coincidence revealed itself again. John and Ebenezer Robinson, children of the same parents, found themselves, unknown to each other, patients under the same hospital roof.

It was apparent that the relationship between those two was not as it should be, and it was the third member of the triangle who supplied the clue to the situation. She was a woman, and every day she came to enquire how John Robinson was progressing.

Then one day she asked me about Ebenezer. "So you know him, too?" I ventured. "I did," came the response, and I should never have dreamed that two words could reveal so great sorrow.

During the next quarter of an hour this woman laid bare her soul, but some of the things she told me no power on earth would make me divulge. I have her permission, however, to recount the broad outline of this tragic history.

Ebenezer Robinson was this woman's husband until the war came. Then one day he returned home on leave to find that his wife had gone away with his own brother. It was that discovery which brought about his ruin, and he was now paying for his life of dissipation.

It was a story about which there seemed no redeeming feature, and the blame could only be laid at that woman's feet.

Plainly I told her so, and her eyes filled with tears as she said, "Yes, I know it. I admit I am to blame, but I would give anything in the world to tell him I am



Philip Inman

sorry, and to ask his forgiveness before it is too late."

Most of the patients in the Sylvester Ward were asleep, and the place was in darkness save for a light which was hidden by the screen surrounding bed No. 7. The one who reclined on that bed was nearing the end of the road. By his side sat a man in an invalid chair. On the other side, and holding the dying man's hand, was a woman.

Plaintive appeal

"Tell me again," she murmured brokenly, "say that you forgive me." Ebenezer Robinson moved his lips, but no words came. His eyes closed, and it almost seemed as if they would never open again.

But a moment later he came round. His eyes sought those of his brother, and in a voice which sounded a long way off he whispered, "Look after her, John." And those were his last words.

The Sentence of the Court

A LORD MISLED

The New Priestcraft

GAZING round the court with the abstracted air of a man full of philosophic doubt, Lord Balfour pleaded "Relatively not guilty" to a charge of making false representations in writing.

"As president of the Medical Research Council," said Mr. Watchdog, K.C., "the accused has put his name to an extraordinary memorandum on the Dogs Protection Bill."

"This Bill is designed to restrict experiments upon dogs, but the accused and his fellow signatories actually propose to make things even easier for vivisectionists by empowering them to obtain any 'stray and unsaleable dogs... for the purpose of experiment.'"

"The council is pained that dogs are denied the privilege of martyrdom, owing to the pernicious activities of 'sentimentalists.' 'Dogs,' they declare, 'should not be excluded from the service of mankind.' Evidently we are expected to envy the happy lot of a puppy slowly and 'scientifically' butchered, and to sympathise with animals, such as cockroaches and elephants, which are denied this glorious privilege!"

"The memorandum becomes steadily more muddled as it goes along. In one paragraph we are informed that 'the present-day science and art of the physician and surgeon' is 'founded in large upon the experimental use of dogs,' while a little later we are offered the comforting assurance that 'actually the dog is used in a very small minority' of experiments."

Mr. Strawsplitter said that by experiments upon living animals valuable scientific knowledge was gained. Quite recently the Medical Research Council had been able to assist the Liquor Control Board with information regarding the effects of alcohol on dogs. Dogs were especially valuable for vivisection experiments, as, owing to their complete trust in human beings, they readily submitted to the preliminaries of an operation.

"There is something peculiarly repugnant," said Mr. Justice Bull, "in the argument that a dog's trust in man renders easier the betrayal of this trust. But, to avoid the customary charge of sentimentalism, let me say that the case

against vivisection is by no means based solely upon humanitarian grounds.

"Eminent scientific men like Sir Lambert Ormsby and Sir William Collins oppose vivisection, not because it is heartless, but because it is useless."

"Many of these experiments merely demonstrate the obvious, such as that if an animal, whether a man or a dog, is given too much alcohol it will become drunk. It would be as sensible to soak the reports of the Research Council in petrol and apply a match to prove the interesting theory that paper will burn."

"Making sober dogs drunk is, however, a kindly form of 'experiment' compared with many carried on in the over-worked name of 'science.' Many so-called scientists are too 'dog'-matic."

"Since Lord Balfour accepts the privileges of a distinguished figurehead, he must expect some of the penalties. This eminent golfer is, therefore, sentenced to six weeks' penal servitude in a bunker, so that scientific caddies may study the reactions of the philosophic mind to the mental tortures produced by thwarted endeavour and misapplied energy."

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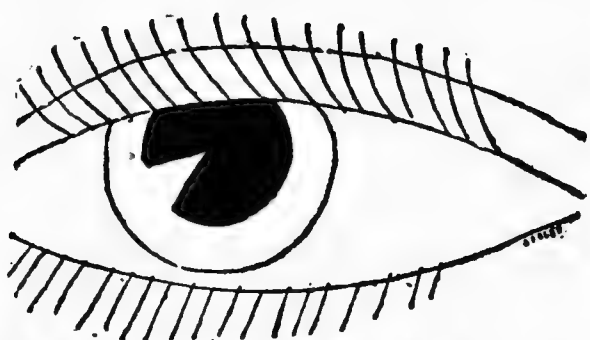
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Words Winged to Women

THOSE WITTY WOMEN!

by MABEL HORNER

"THE thing that hath been is that which shall be; that which is done is that which shall be done, and there is no new thing under the sun," is the dreary and pessimistic philosophy of the old. For the young, it is always possible to break new ground

Of all the dreary philosophies that afflict the world the worst is that which declares human nature unchangeable. Because a thing has always happened in such and such a way, say these pessimists, it always must happen so, and always will.

Of course, ignorance is at the root of such counsels of despair, but it is ignorance of a type that is very widespread. The truth is that human nature is constantly changing, and as it changes for the better our social arrangements and conditions are changing for the better with it.

In the year 1825, for instance, the overwhelming majority of little children in this country never had any sweets, pies, puddings, cakes or jam. Sugar, presumably, was too scarce and far too expensive. But what would be said to-day of little children denied these very common everyday articles of food?

The road to travel

The chief item of food for every worker in 1825 was bread, and was not very good and nearly as costly as it is to-day. In 1825 the great mass of people were miserably clad. It was possible to guess instantly their social status, not only by the quality, but the very stuff and fashion of their clothes.

Furniture for the mass was of the roughest and rudest; education as we know it, books, pictures, parks, swift transport, decent sanitation, and impartial justice non-existent.

We have travelled far from such days and travelled well. It is not necessary to count steps where all lead upward. Enough to see ahead a still better and brighter world and find out by what road to travel to it. That road will not be of fighting and struggle, strewn with corpses. Rather, if it is towards a good world we hasten, our passage will be one where wits take the place of lethal weapons.

It is not too much to hope that women, now completely emancipated from thralldom, may set the pace and lead the way. Thousands are even now banded together for that object.

Take, for instance, the National Council of Women, with its eighty-six branches and 1,421 affiliated societies, comprising a membership of 15,443. Already it has secured legislative reforms, such as the Criminal Law Amendment Act and the Maintenance and Separation Act.



The Marchioness of Aberdeen and Temair, who has consented to "open" an imaginary monster bazaar

reform. All these things touch women closely, and women can do much to remedy them.

But nothing can be done without money. For without a considerable expenditure literature cannot be printed nor circulated, nor the meetings and conferences that form public opinion be held.

Some Manchester women, in realising this, are showing their wit, and at the same time, a new thing to the world. The Hon. Mrs. Cawley is the chairman, and Mrs. Zimmermann, treasurer of a monster, imaginary bazaar.

They have arranged that stalls, side-shows, bran-tubs, raffles and music shall

exist in imagination only. All the worry, the long hours of labour, the heart-burnings and the disappointments that a real bazaar entails, will be spared.

"What would you expend," ask these witty women, "if we held a bazaar in reality? Would you buy materials, refreshments, have your fortune told? Are you fond of side-shows and music, or would you set up a stall? Well, plan out all this in imagination, and send us the money it would have cost you, adding to it something as thanksgiving for all the time and effort you have been spared."

New idea to follow

Now that seems to me a magnificent idea, and the real type of wit we may expect when women come more and more into the realm of public affairs.

What, for instance, might not the world have been spared if in 1914 the world had decided to hold an imaginary war and settled its differences by imaginary movements of men and munitions as a game of chess between far-distanced competitors is played? It could have been done.

It might have been done if fifteen million women, instead of fifteen thousand, had put their wits to work and held the field. One country could have published an imaginary list of men killed, maimed, trampled and mangled, blinded and gassed, and the other replied with an imaginary list of women and children bombed and towns shelled, burned out and ruined.

If for a month only this imaginary battle had grown in horror, would any sane person have wished to swap it for reality in all its stark, naked horror? Would not common-sense have won and the conference-table, bound to come, have been arranged first instead of last?

Well, these Manchester women have shown the world this new idea. It is for the world, and especially women, to say if it shall be followed.

Her House of Dreams

Friendship That Counts

WHEREVER a true wife is," wrote John Ruskin, "there will home be, round about her, even though the stars alone are a roof above her head." Poetically that is true. Wherever a true wife is, there is comfort, consolation, sympathy and help, even in the most dire day of misfortunes.

Nevertheless, some sort of a house is necessary if a wife is to make a true home, and that is the tragedy of the present housing shortage. Every woman, married or single, has one dream which she treasures, and it is a dream of a really perfect little home of her own.

But life springs surprises, and very seldom indeed are they of the perfect sort. When the house is obtained, and the little home got together, misfortune in one form or another, is always likely to occur.

Nowhere quite safe

Miss G. Jones, living at Boyn Lodge, Beaumaris, Anglesey, can testify to that. Her home is in the country, peaceful and quiet, away from the town and its danger of traffic. Surely, one might think, if safety can be found anywhere, it is in such a sheltered spot as this?

But no! Walking in the garden,

admiring and tending the flowers, Miss Jones caught her foot in a trailing briar-root, was flung to the ground with a badly fractured arm, and for four weeks was totally disabled.

Appalling thought

Mrs. H. Bonny, of 4A, Hawes Side Lane, Marton, Blackpool, is a hard-working wife of an equally hardworking and honest man. One day, while carrying in the washing just done, Mrs. Bonny tripped over a mat and fractured her knee so badly that she was laid aside.

There were doctors' bills, nurses' expenses, and even the housework done must be paid for. "Where is the money to come from?" was the burden of conversation night and day, for the poor have no resources to tide them over such rainy days.

Some one cleaning the gas-stove at the home of Mr. A. J. Whittle, 95, Water Lane, Preston, Lancs, had left a tap turned on. The result, when the gas-ring was wanted for the tea-kettle, was a terrific explosion, and though no one was permanently disabled, windows were broken and kitchen shelves with all their contents blown to smithereens.

Similarly, in the home of Mrs. N. Kilby,

at 126, Lightwoods Road, Bearwood, Smethwick, someone putting away a coat in the wardrobe let a cigarette spark fall.

The spark smouldered, and when Mrs. Kilby opened the door next morning she found every shred of clothing in one half of the wardrobe ruined, burnt to cinder.

Even with the greatest care accidents are of daily occurrence in the home. Mrs. Falstead, of 134, Armes Street, Norwich, was merely hanging up clothes to air when the chair slipped and she fell, breaking her leg. With five children under fourteen, the misfortune was heavy.

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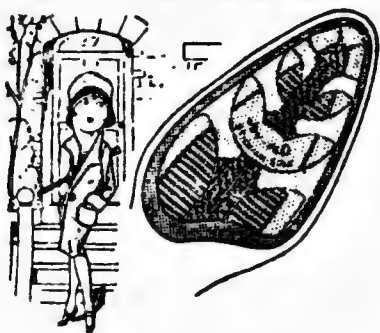
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BOTH my mother and I are greatly distressed and concerned regarding the future of my sister, who has drifted into bad company.

"I am afraid that unless she can be got away from the evil influence under which she has fallen she may make a complete wreck of her own life and bring her mother's grey hairs in sorrow to the grave.

"Some time ago she made the acquaintance of a native of an eastern country, a medical student, who evidently appears to her romantic eyes to be the living counterpart of the sheik in a film story.

"She was in domestic employment when he first appeared upon the scene, and he persuaded her to give up her work and live with him in a house not far from the hospital where he is studying.

"We did our best to make her realise that no good could come from that sort of thing and my mother helped her to make a fresh start in another situation, providing her with money to put in the bank so that she could supply her needs.

"I am sorry to say that our hopes that this would put an end to the trouble have been dashed to the ground. My sister appears to have no will of her own where this man is concerned.

"He found out where she was, got all her money out of her, and we find to our great distress that she has left her situation and is again living with him.

"WE are convinced that he can have no honourable intentions regarding her, for in the course of enquiries we found that during the time when we had got her away from him he had taken other girls to the same house.

"My sister, I am sure, is not bad at heart, but she is so infatuated with her 'sheik' that it seems impossible to get her to realise what a tragic end may await her if she continues to associate with him in this way, and the only way to save her seems to be to get the man deported."

"HUMANIST" says: *I am afraid it is quite hopeless to appeal to the sense of decency of such a rascal, for he probably hasn't any, but you can hit him where he will feel it most by reporting his conduct to the Dean or Secretary of the Medical School, who will probably be able to deal with him in such a manner that he may have to return to his own country and people with his medical ambitions unsatisfied.*

I AM happily married and am the father of three children whom I love dearly. Since our marriage my wife and I have enjoyed perfect harmony and mutual understanding.

In Fear of a Fanatic "Now I am afraid that our happiness is in danger of being ruined by a fanatical mission preacher who has for some time been holding meetings in our neighbourhood.

"I have never interfered with my wife's religious beliefs, or tried to dictate what form her devotions should take, so that I did not demur when she started attending these meetings.

"After a while, however, I found that he appeared to dominate her thoughts in such a way that a distinct barrier was arising between my wife and myself, and as I felt his influence was not a good one I asked her to discontinue attending his meetings.

"I found that apparently his influence over her was greater than mine, so I approached him.

"To my amazement he took up a very high-handed attitude and told me that if I attempted to interfere with my wife's association with him and his meetings, he would disclose to her an escapade of my youth which he reckoned would considerably alter her opinion of me.

"I have never told my wife of the incident, because I feared it might weaken her faith in me, and now I am living in fear of this fanatic, whose interest in my wife appears to go far beyond anything called for in a religious teacher."

"HUMANIST" says: *I cannot believe that a man who would sow discord between husband and wife by raking up forgotten sins is animated by a Christian spirit. The best thing you can do is to tell your wife yourself of the episode which he threatens to disclose. The true character of the man may then reveal itself to her in a different light.*

I AM a woman forty years of age, sixteen years married, with two daughters aged fifteen and thirteen. My husband is a man greatly interested

Mother and Daughters

in outside affairs and practically all his spare time seems to be taken up with clubs and committees with which he is connected, and I am left alone.

"Life is, therefore, becoming rather lonely for me and I find myself for hours at a time with no company but my own. My daughters have their own interests and do not need me now as they did when they were younger.

"I have plenty of women friends, but they are not always at leisure like myself, and in any case I do not care greatly for their company. Yet, although my husband will not give me his companionship he will not hear of my spending the time left on my hands with a male companion.

"He seems quite unable to realise that a woman gets sick and tired of the same daily round looking after her house and preparing meals, and then being left alone evening after evening while her husband is amusing himself.

"I have often thought that if I went about with another man it might make him realise that he is not treating me properly. What do you advise?"

"HUMANIST" says: *It is a pity your husband is not more interested in your home and happiness, but you cannot hope to improve matters by going about with another man. You would find time hang less heavy if you cultivated the companionship of your daughters, for you are surely mistaken in imagining that they no longer need you. They are just at an age when their need of guidance is greatest and the happiest homes are those in which mother and daughters enjoy cheerful comradeship.*

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BEFORE my marriage in 1920, I was as assistant-mistress in an elementary school. After three years of married life, my husband, who had served in the American Army and yet remained British, went back to America leaving me in England. According to

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his plans he was to send me money and I was to join him as soon as he found suitable occupation.

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"My mother died a few months ago and as my money is exhausted I applied to various educational authorities for a position on the teaching staff. In each case I have met with the same answer: 'The committee do not approve of the appointment of married teachers.'

"It seems the only way now is to pose as a single woman (I have no children) and suppress all knowledge of my marriage. Can you tell me if there would be any serious results if I did this?"

"HUMANIST" says: *It is certainly a very cruel barrier that prevents a woman situated as you are from earning her living in the profession for which she has trained. I cannot advise you to pose as a single woman, since I firmly believe that deception never achieves anything and always recoils on the deceiver in the end.*

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"My chum tells me he was stopped late last night by a man who said he was a police officer, and after making all sorts of enquiries about me warned him to keep out of my company. I have done nothing wrong that I know of and this strange enquiry has upset me."

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"Soon after we married, my wife asked me to allow a woman friend of hers to live with us. This woman soon dominated the house and her behaviour led to our separation. Now my wife shows signs of wishing to have me back. Should I go?"

"Humanist" says: *Certainly. You should never have left her. Do now what you should have done before. Be master in your own house and send the cause of trouble away.*

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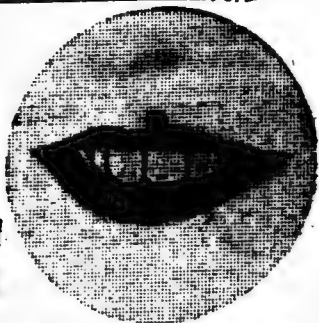
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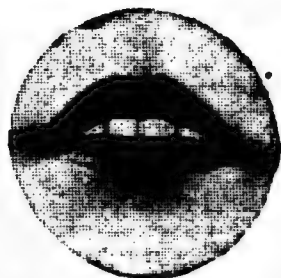
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Spotting the "Reds"

Flogging Scandal—Widows' Long Wait—Labour Party's Failure

IN Mr. A. G. Gardiner's article, in JOHN BULL of June 4, "Is It An Election?" he tells us that the Russian "Reds" are not men, but a disease. It is a most malignant disease, which it is to be hoped will never obtain a stranglehold in this country. In Paris, recently, a Frenchman told me that the terrors of the French Revolution were as nothing to the atrocities committed by the Russian Soviet.—*Marie, Yorks.*

Seeing Red

Mr. A. G. Gardiner's article contained real foresight upon the Russian question. The Government's attitude seems to be that every elector who dislikes present legislation, and all its works, is dubbed an enemy of his country or a Bolshevik. The Tories are anti-Red mad, and are hindering trade, while the queues at employment exchanges are increasing every day.—*L. J. B., Surrey.*

Hobs m's Choice

Why should Mr. A. G. Gardiner think that America will benefit by our break with Russia when the States have never recognised the Bolshevik Government? It is doubtful whether any country outside of Britain and the States can afford to grant the credit which is necessary to Russia. Russia will continue to trade with us, recognition or not.—*W. L., London.*

Truth Wanted

The average reader does get puzzled as to what the situation really is in Russia. Are the Reds all revolutionaries and anarchists? If so, they should be ruthlessly dealt with. Can we, on the other hand, believe they are misrepresented and should be tolerated. If some impartial person with full knowledge would give us information, it would clear the air.—*S., Birmingham.*

Profitable Applause

The Arcos raid and the subsequent issue may have been staged with a view to a possible General Election. But the harm done to the Russians was infinitesimal to the harm done to British trade. The Soviet Republic needed our goods, our unemployed were ready and willing to produce them, but they must continue to draw the "dole," while France and America applaud our Government's action, and incidentally capture the trade.—*Not a Bolshevik, Durham.*

Czars in Civi s

Mr. A. G. Gardiner speaks of the defeat in China of the "foul gang of cosmopolitan adventurers" as "bringing nearer the day when Russia will throw off their detestable tyranny," and yet he condemns Mr. Baldwin for severing diplomatic relations. But may not this step show the Russian people that we will not recognise these red Czars in civics as their spokesmen?—*L. D., Havant.*

Patience Gives Out

Never a man acted with moderation it is Mr. Baldwin in connection with the Bolshevik plotters we had been harbouring in our midst. There are thousands of workers who think that too much leniency was displayed in scotching and deporting this vile gang.—*D. T., Mon.*

That "Red" Herring

Mr. Gardiner loses his grip on realities if he imagines that another Red scare is going to renew the Government's life. Bosworth is the very effective answer. Despite the frantic intercession of "Jix" on the "Red" issue, a majority of 16,006 was polled against the Conservatives. That makes the Red herring look pretty poor fish!—*C. S., Sheffield.*

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Honour or Lucre?

In clearing out the "Reds" it seems to me that the Government has only done what other British Governments have done in the past—put honour and justice before filthy lucre. Does not the present situation in some ways call to mind the momentous decision of 1914? The day that our prosperity depends on trade with a Soviet Government, that day will the decline of the greatest empire of all time commence.—*A. M., Grantown-on-Spey.*

Flood Curdling

If the Government's action in clearing out the Reds is to be merely the scenario for another sensational and dramatic appeal to the country, Mr. Baldwin will be well advised to contemplate this with his reputed carefulness. The nation is patriotic to the core, but politicians will be wise who do not attempt to make the blood leap by suspicious scare-mongering.—*R. M., Glasgow.*

Price of a Fag

Mr. G. Henry Ames, in his article in JOHN BULL of June 4, on flogged boys, in no way exaggerates the brutality of this form of punishment. When I was in the Navy a few years ago boys of secondary education undergoing an engineering apprenticeship were "caned" in the manner described for smoking! This matter needs to be thoroughly ventilated and flogging for boys prohibited.—*P. S., Glos.*

Woman's Chance

The article in JOHN BULL on the unclean milk scandal is of vital interest to everyone who has the health of the future generations at heart. Much has been said against giving the right to vote to women at twenty-one. Here is one thing at least which they can appreciate and fight for—clean and pure food—and who better than these potential mothers is there to have a voice in such matters?—*E. S., Burnley.*

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The Widow's Mite

What possible excuse has the Ministry of Health for the scandalous delay in issuing widows' pensions. To keep these poor women waiting for five or six months just at a time when the money is most needed is to inflict severe hardship and suffering. How are they supposed to live and to keep their children in the meantime? Perhaps if the pension officials responsible were kept waiting for their salaries there would soon be something done.—*Disgusted, Middx.*

A Pointer

I have just read of the astounding "Jukes" family in America. From five mentally defective sisters were traced an extraordinary number of mentally defectives, criminals and paupers, who cost the State £260,000 directly and indirectly an amount impossible to calculate. Is not this a lesson to those who still jib at the idea of birth control?—*C. G., Hounslow.*

A False Claim

Why does the "Labour Party," which claims to be the people's Party, leave it to JOHN BULL to fight on behalf of the poor people who are being robbed under clause 46 of the Housing Act? Or take the assurance scandal. Poor people are being robbed. Does the "Labour Party" make a noise about it? No. It leaves JOHN BULL to do that.—*R. T., N.B.*

Another Coal Crisis

When is the Government going to get a move on with the reorganisation of the mining industry as promised? According to Sir Herbert Samuel, the chairman of the Coal Commission, conditions are much the same as before the last stoppage, "only the lengthening of hours and the lowering of wages have made the grievances of the men more acute." Unless something is done soon, we shall be faced with another "crisis."—*A. J., Newlands, Forfar.*

What Waste!

A transatlantic woman has stated that the launch of her pretty daughter this season will cost her nearly £25,000. This, of course, will include parties, balls, dinners, and fêtes given in her honour. Above all, it will give her a splendid chance of making an excellent marriage. Just think of it—£25,000 to advertise a daughter.—*C. W., Lytham.*

The Food Ramp

Nature produces fruit and fish most bountifully. Their more extensive use, especially amongst the poorer classes of the community, would greatly raise the general standard of health. Yet what do we find when we go to purchase them? Stocks restricted and prices extortionate, prohibiting the poorer classes from obtaining them! It is time we revived the old-time "stocks" where those responsible for their scoundrelly profiteering could be pilloried and thoroughly pelted with their own over-ripe "stocks" of both varieties.—*Peltem, Edinburgh.*

Reputation at Stake

Mr. E. Roffe Thompson has disclosed a difficult problem in his article, "A Thief's Tragic Story," and one which should be tackled without delay. Countless unfortunate ones have found that after their just punishment for offences against society, they are compelled to return to a life of crime even against their own inclinations. Let us live up to our reputation for fair play and see that the punishment ends with the closing of the prison gate.—*G. S., Allerton.*

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MY advice last year was "Follow Taylor. Back his neglected as well as the selected." I repeat the hint. It may be worn a little bit threadbare, but more often than not it has proved to be a paying game. Last year we had Cross Bow, 33 to 1.

AND now for a *volle face* with extenuating circumstances. In the Hunt Cup I am going for a filly that has been in Taylor's charge, but is now trained privately—Inca. As I stated last week, she represents Embargo, on back-end form, at 8st. 10lbs. In view of the fact that Embargo was allotted 9 st. 9 lbs., I am not surprised his owner did not accept.

INCA was a red-hot tip for last season's sprint, and she finished a neck and half a length behind Cross Bow and Embargo. I hate to pass over Apelle, Asterus, Orbindos, and half-a-dozen others, but they cannot all win. The race is really best left alone; but for those who like a flutter, I suggest a modest each-way bet on Inca.

I HOPE to see an English victory in the Gold Cup, but now that Coronach is a non-starter I am apprehensive of the French. They have carried off this prize on several occasions, and I have not forgotten the race I saw a few years ago when they filled three of the first four positions with Massine 1st, Filibert de Savoie 2nd, and Le Capucine 4th.

AT the last minute it has been decided that Asteroide is not to be sent, and the chances are that Biribi, providing he comes through a gallop successfully, represents their best. Bois Josselyn and Altay are also coming over, but either wins it will be a reflection on the rest of the field. The owner of Biribi counts on his horse retiring to the stud with the crowning honour of this victory to enhance his value. Dark Japan did us a good turn when he won the Manchester Cup last week and I think he will be good enough to account for the invaders.

OTHER French horses to look for during the week are Banstar, Start II., and Esclarmonde. In fact, anything carrying the Asterus colours should be worth noting, for the owner has been laying himself out for Ascot and hopes that more than one of his horses will score.

THE longest race of the Flat in this country is the Alexandra Stakes, run on Friday. The distance is two miles, six furlongs, and eighty-five yards. The entry is not a very good one, and if rain comes along to soften the turf, I should give Try Try Again another chance. The mare is a glutton for distance, but hard going does not suit her.

PRIORY PARK, the sensational Lincoln winner, is going to capture another nice handicap in the near future, and he appears to have a good chance in the Wokingham Stakes, on Friday. He should also be backed each-way.

IN recent years, outsiders have rolled up at Ascot with such monotonous regularity that many big backers have almost gone into mourning after the meeting. I do not wish to appear pessimistic, but if this should happen once more don't forget that the favourites win at Windsor.

DROPITIN is one of those horses which do not win very often, but when he does pop up it is invariably at a nice price. My Northern Correspondent tells me that he thinks the horse would have beaten Silver Stick at Manchester if he had not been nearly knocked over in running. The six-year-old should be noticed for future engagements.

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MR. A. DE ROTHSCHILD generally manages to win a race or two at Yarmouth, but at the recent meeting he had to be content with half a victory. His Erythroos shared the last of twelve races with 2LO. He very nearly landed the Norfolk and Suffolk Handicap with Buoyant. The gelding came from nowhere in the last 100 yards, but Peace River just managed to hold him off. Enter Buoyant in your note-book, and you will not be out of pocket.

Hot Dogs to Follow

AMONG the entries at the White City possibly the most interesting is Doonane, owned by Mr. T. A. Morris. It is a classic animal in every way, that has won many events in Ireland, and cannot be disregarded.

MR. MORRIS purchased him for some £250, and, if, as he is expected to do on his form in trial runs, he becomes familiar with "the trap," he may prove almost invincible.

BUT there are others that should be strongly supported. Hangar, the property of Dr. Humphries, was one of the most fancied competitors in the recent Waterloo Cup race. Possessed of great speed, once it can take the bends in full stride, it should win many a race for a real sportsman.

MISTLEY and Woodlark must also be watched closely. An animal that can run 440 yards in 25 secs., as Mistley has accomplished, must win a big stake in the near future.

THE decision of the Greyhound Racing Association to increase the distance of the races will, possibly, affect form to

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SOME weeks ago I mentioned that Rathdora would be one of Wootton's money-spinners. Unfortunately, the pencilers know it, and the odds are cramped. Grotesque and Thackeray are equally useful and there is one more, which I expect to run at Ascot for the first time—Wings of Love. This filly is by Gay Crusader and she should not, on any account, be missed.

ROSE WILLOW, the Woodcote Stakes winner, is the best two-year-old so far seen out. Although he is a brown colt he has four white legs. Superstitious racing folk say this is a bad sign, that he will not train on, or will prove to be another Birthright.

FRED DARLING will very likely win with Snip-Snap at the next time of asking. The gelding has run twice this season, and has been favourite on both occasions. I saw the five-year-old's last race at Newmarket. The apprentice who rode was not strong enough to get the best out of the beast.

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The code will be changed in next week's JOHN BULL. It covers the racing from Wednesday, June 15, to Tuesday, June 21

a certain extent, but the additional yards should result in a fairer test of speed.

AND this being so backers will be foolish if they neglect Mr. E. A. Vivian's Brilliant Course, Mr. L. V. Bolton's Long Bow, and Mr. T. Snowball's What's Wrong.

IN hurdle races, Messrs. Pennington and Taylor's Bacon, that rather elusive Pickeroon of Mr. J. Murphy, and Mr. W. Forshaw's Bob Clasper will all secure winning honours quite frequently during the season.

THE fine form of Ariel Post, owned by Major Moss, secured for him for a distinction of being regarded as the best dog in the country, but nothing has produced rivals of considerable merit.

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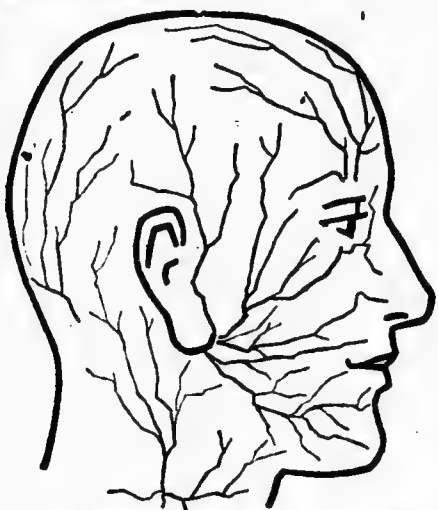
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THE Editor may be flippant on this page, but his humour is kindly and never malicious. He likes to end up the week's work on a bright note. Serious questions are dealt with by the expert staff of our Free Advice Service.

T. N. H. (Queensferry).—"Cats make fine fur coats." How clever of them!

I. P. (Liverpool).—"I have waited fifteen years to get even." That's odd.

M. S. (W.5).—"I cannot live within my wages." We could not live without ours.

L. L. R. (Frimley).—"I have started on the job." But it's the finishing that counts.

AUTHOR (Poole).—"I dwell in an attic." Few writers can live on first stories.

JANE (Maldstone).—"He is a landed proprietor." Can't be sure till you're married.

G. M. L. (Falmouth).—"My neighbour is next door to a rogue." Well, you said it yourself.

B. K. M. (Mumbles).—"I haven't an idea what you mean." Why add "what you mean"?

Mrs. L. (Sutton).—"My little girl looks very innocent." Then she's certainly been up to mischief.

A. E. N. (Nottingham).—"Do you know what struck me first on my visit to London?" A motor-car?

E. J. (Kennington).—"My office boy knows nothing about figures." Ask him the Surrey batting averages.

C. G. (Eastleigh).—"My wife is always talking about her former husband." Better than talking about her next.

G. G. (Burstall).—"Plants must be protected well into June." But you must allow the rhubarb to stick up for itself.

Miss O. (Kendal).—"I've only known him a week and he says he would like to see more of me." Tut, tut! Shocking, shocking!

G. A. (Manchester).—"I believe at the last dance I made an impression on the young lady." She tells us she has limped ever since.

D. D. (Shepperton).—"I am having her name engraved on the engagement ring." Safer to put, "To the Girl of my Heart."

H. G. (Hammersmith).—"I believe in always being quite candid." And saying to others what you would not like others to say to you.

V. C. (Newcastle).—"I have been through a good lot since I married this woman." But not, we trust, through her entire fortune?

Mrs. F. (Dumfries).—"I confess on reaching home I opened the door with a sad sigh." Truly women can perform miracles these days!

D. J. F. (Longtown).—"They charged extra for Yorkshire relish." What sauce!

Miss L. (Lincoln).—"He always says I remind him of a flower." A snapdragon?

JANET (Dundee).—"What is flattery?" What girls call the praise they hear given to others.

F. F. (St. Albans).—"Beware of riches." Up to now we have bewared them very successfully.

H. C. (Newport).—"Late hours are very bad for one." But often very pleasant for two.

L. E. S. (Dulwich).—"They are only vulgar profiteers after all." Hybrids aping high breeds.

E. S. (Wivenhoe).—"Nothing is obtained without a lot of trouble." Except a lot of trouble.

S. R. G. (Swansea).—"Marriage is often a failure." That's because so many failures get married.

SAM (London).—"I explained to the waiter that I was from New York." And did he warn the other diners.

F. H. (Brighton).—"The stage goes from bad to worse." It has produced "One Dam Thing After Another."

S. L. P. (Hornsey).—"A man may have big faults but be quite unaware of them." If he has the sense to stay single.

F. D. (Shoreditch).—"What is a man to do when he can't stop the blinking car?" Run into something cheap.

J. J. (Oxford).—"I like sowing wild oats and see no reason to stop." Especially if you don't want to grow sage.

J. K. (Lutterworth).—"I used to think nothing of a ten-mile walk, fasting before breakfast." We don't think much of that, either.

E. L. F. (Gloucester).—"This is a very hard world." So we thought last Sunday when we tried a bit of digging in the back garden.

H. W. (Manchester).—"In London what is the very latest thing in men's clothes?" The latest we know is a flapper.

MILLCENT (Tunbridge Wells).—"What birthday present is proper for a girl to give a man she is in love with." A good strong hint.

T. H. (Carlisle).—"I don't sign the verse because I wouldn't, for anything, be known as a poet." Don't worry. You won't be.

R. N. (Portsmouth).—"When I joined the Navy my first job was to paint the flag-pole." You soon got a staff appointment, didn't you?

Mrs. G. (Tunstall).—"I must say my first husband never complained, but just ate thankfully all I cooked for him." And look where the poor chap is now!

M. G. (Bath).—"I proposed at her twenty-first birthday party; I don't know what her parents think." Probably that the party had achieved its object.

J. M. (Ramsgate).—"She was so wild at her bridge-playing being criticised that she flounced out of the room and banged the door behind her." She brought off one grand slam anyway.

L. B. (Ealing).—"I like a plunge every morning." Do you often win?

S. F. (Jarrow).—"What in short is libel?" Often the naked truth.

P. M. (Edinburgh).—"The doctor treated me." Ours always makes us pay.

JANE (Aberdeen).—"I was dressing for the dance." Sure you don't mean undressing?

W. C. (Brentford).—"A man always reaps what he sows." Except in spring gardening.

R. S. S. (Netley).—"Women are growing taller." And men are shorter than ever.

M. E. A. (Newcastle).—"The revue had a chorus of forty." Age of each or number all told?

SINGER (Ludlow).—"My wife and I sing duets as our voices blend so well." One drowns the other?

C. B. (Prestwick).—"I consulted the doctor about loss of memory." And he took his fee in advance?

S. W. (Dent).—"I'm sure I could make a better world myself." Jump to it, that's what we're here for.

G. O. (York).—"The man's a fool. He insists that he is related to me." Certainly that seems proof enough.

R. N. C. (Eccles).—"I'm afraid this has been a very lengthy letter, but I will now bid you farewell." So long!

A. D. (Broughton).—"My wife spends too much money on gloves." Buy her a few diamond rings and she won't.

L. T. (Camden Town).—"It takes years for some men to get on." It's the same with some women getting off.

TOM (Bentham).—"I hate to see women daubed up in widow's weeds." But if you say, "Wilt thou," they mostly wilt.

T. N. (Molesey).—"I have seen a photograph of an American whisky manufacturing plant." A study in still life.

T. S. E. (Barrow).—"I am eighty-eight, and very healthy." Probably you were born before the doctors invented germs.

F. E. (Clacton).—"I say very little but think a great deal." Don't stand for Parliament or you will lose your deposit money.

G. D. (Clerkenwell).—"I sent you an uncanny story last week." The office-boy read it and now he screams in his afternoon sleep.

M. B. (Leeds).—"Why should I help him, tell me that?" Help thou thy brother's boat across and lo! thine own hath reached the shore.

B. L. (Margate).—"I have bought a scarecrow for the garden." A good idea. You can't be expected to be in the garden all the time.

Mrs. M. (Tweedmouth).—"A woman can sometimes get hold of a lovely dress for a mere song." If she sings it to a man able to produce the notes.

Mrs. J. (Luton).—"I've got a lot of things I want to talk to you about." That's better than wanting to talk to us about a lot of things you haven't got.

B. Y. (Preston).—"Time goes on." You should copyright this.

A. B. (Chepstow).—"When I call on you I'll go into details." You won't.

G. N. (Bude).—"What is a trunk call?" The elephant's appeal for buns at the Zoo.

G. N. (King's Cross).—"I lead, others follow." What have you been up to now?

B. D. V. (Devon).—"How do your colleagues treat you?" Very unwillingly.

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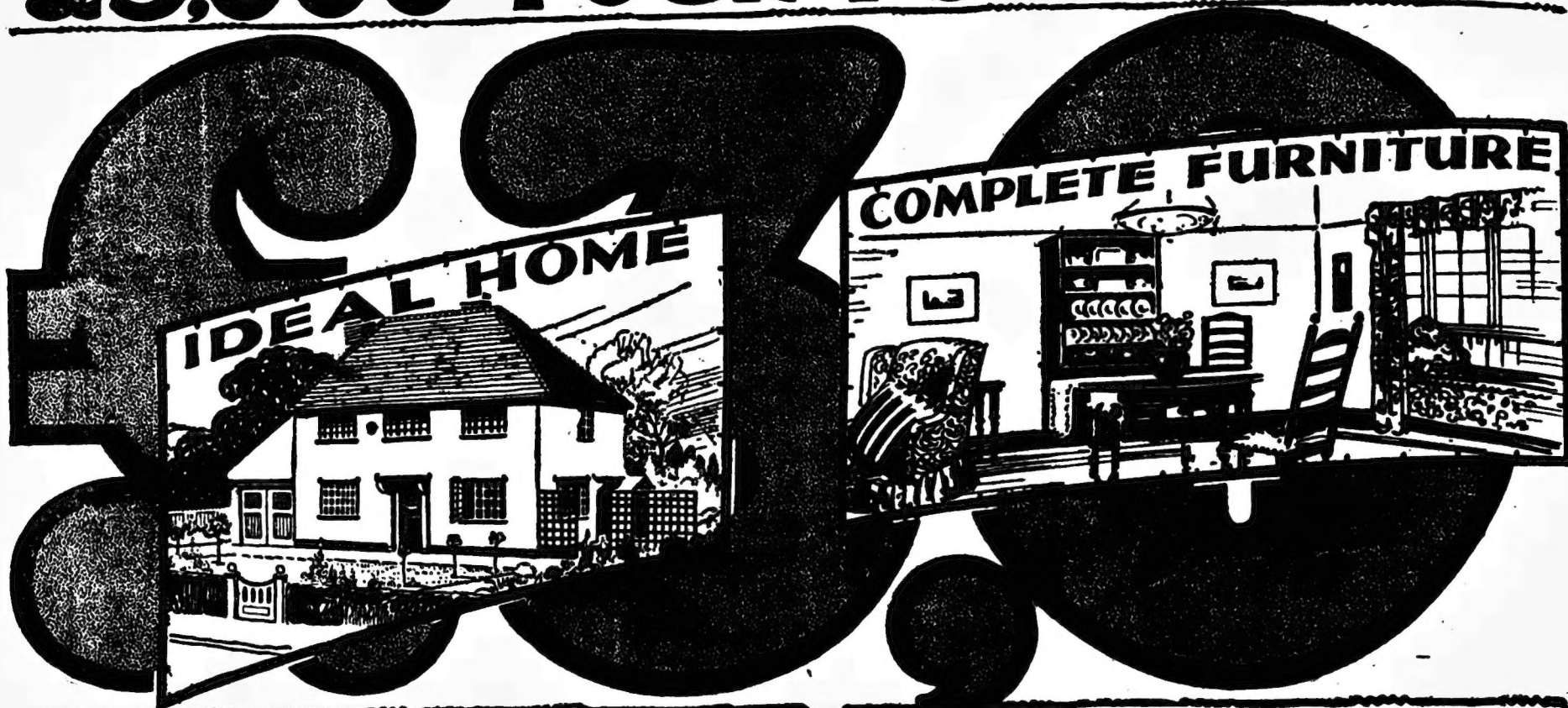


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Bullet:—STICKING TO "PULLS OFF."

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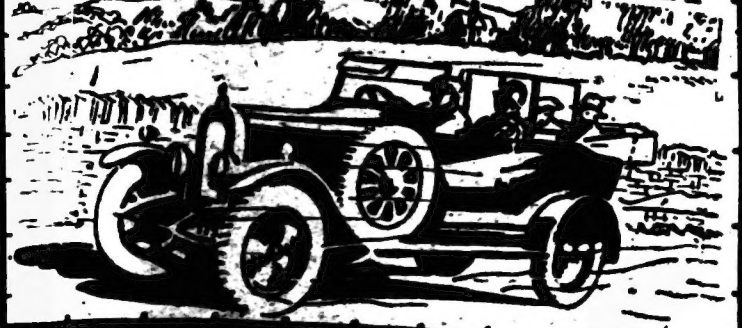
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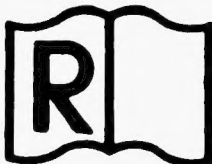
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